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   ___ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   X Professions X Industrial labor X Other

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   ___ Irish X British ___ Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian ___ Other

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FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Hippolyte WENZEL Current Residence —
If dead, date of death 9, October 1931

Place of birth Pleszew, Poland Date of birth 28, July 1880

Education (number of years):
grade school 7 high school ____ vocational 7 college ____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Baker's apprentice	Dates 1893-1900	1st Germany	Dates 1893-1900
2nd Master baker	Dates 1900-1931	2nd Pleszew, Poland	Dates 1900-1931
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. ____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Gutow, Jarocin, Poland date 9, October 1908

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Franciszka DWCZARSKA Current Residence Pleszew, Poland
If dead, date of death ____

Place of birth Gutow, Jarocin, Poland Date of birth 24, February 1886

Education (number of years):
grade school 7 high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st	Dates	1st Pleszew, Poland	Dates 1908 - present
2nd	Dates	2nd	Dates
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. ____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Gutow, Jarocin, Poland DATE 9, October 1908

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Date

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Date

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Date

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Stanislaw ZELLMANN Current Residence —
If dead, date of death 14, August 1948

Place of birth Radochonce, Moscieska, Poland Date of birth 2, May 1879
Education (number of years):
grade school 7 high school 2 ~~vocational~~ military 3 college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Foreman-Agricultural Coop Dates 1894-1899 1st Various military posts near Russian-Polish border Dates 1903-20
2nd Austrian Military Police Dates 1903-1919 2nd Jaroslaw, Poland Dates 1920-45
3rd Polish Nat'l Police Dates 1919-1926 3rd Dates
4th Polish Nat'l Insurance Co Mutual Nat'l Insurance Co Dates July 26-Oct 26 1926-1945 4th Dates

Religion Roman Catholic
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Retired Police Force Club, School organizations
Place of marriage to your grandmother Rudnik on the River San, Poland date 12, Sept. 1909
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Valeria WOJTAS Current Residence —
If dead, date of death 30, Jan. 1958

Place of birth Rudnik on the River San, Poland Date of birth 4, December 1883
Education (number of years)
grade school 7 high school vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Dates 1st Dates
2nd Dates 2nd Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates

Religion Roman Catholic
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Church organizations, Ladies Auxiliary of the Police Force
Place of marriage to your grandfather Rudnik on the River San, Poland date 12, Sept. 1909
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Maria WENZEL (Sister Angelica)
Place of birth Pleszew, Poland date 1909
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation retired nun & teacher
Residence Gniezno, Poland Marital Status unmarried
Number of children none

2. Name Lucia WENZEL
Place of birth Pleszew, Poland date 1911
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation retired secretary
Residence Pleszew, Poland Marital Status unmarried
Number of children none

3. Name Edmund Helioder WENZEL
Place of birth Pleszew, Poland date 25, October 1913
Number of years of schooling 16 yrs. Occupation Army Officer, Laborer
Residence Poland, Italy, Eng., U.S.A Marital Status married
Number of children 5

4. Name Marta Irena WENZEL
Place of birth Pleszew, Poland date 1921 died 1921
Number of years of schooling 4 Occupation —
Residence Pleszew, Poland Marital Status —
Number of children —

5. Name Cecelia WENZEL Rusiecki
Place of birth Pleszew, Poland date 1921
Number of years of schooling 9 Occupation
Residence Kwidzyn, Gdansk, Poland Marital Status married
Number of children 2

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Stanislawa Apolonia ZELLMANN Fijalkowski
Place of birth Golce, Poland date 25, February 1912
Number of years of schooling 18 Occupation University Professor, M.
Residence Chicago, Illinois Marital Status married
Number of children 1 (one)

2. Name Eugene ZELLMANN
Place of birth Rudnik, Poland date 1910
Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation Lawyer
Residence Bytom, Poland Marital Status married to Helena
Number of children (2) two

3. Name Kazimera Tekla ZELLMANN
Place of birth Golce, Poland date 1914
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation
Residence Jaroslaw, Poland Marital Status married
Number of children none

4. Name Irena ZELLMANN Mankowski
Place of birth Golce Region, Poland date 1916
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Teacher
Residence Brompton, South Wales, Australia Marital Status Married
Number of children none

5. Name Izabella ZELLMANN Dart
Place of birth Golce Region, Poland date 1918
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation Secretary
Residence Essex, London, Great Britain Marital Status married
Number of children (2) two

6. Name Herminia ZELLMANN Muller Argasinski
Place of birth Jaroslaw, Poland date 1920
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation
Residence Lubaczow, Poland Marital Status married twice
Number of children one 1st husband died

7. Name (Janina) Joanna ZELLMANN Wenzel
Place of birth Jaroslaw date 20, Dec. 1922
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation clerk, shopowner
Residence Chicago Illinois U.S.A Marital Status married-widow
Number of children (5) five

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Edmund Heliodor WENZEL Current Residence —
If dead, date of death 20, December 1973

Place of birth Pleszew, Poland Date of birth 25, October 1913
Education (number of years)
grade school 6 high school 4 vocational _____ college 2
military school 4
Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Student Military School	Dates 1934 - 1938	1st	Podchorazych Military School	Dates 1934-1938
2nd Lieut. Polish Army	1938 - 1948		Polish Front of W.W. II	1938 - 1939
2nd Textile Laborer, England	Dates 1949 - 1956		Murnau, Germany P.O.W. Camp	Dates 1939-1945
Construction Laborer, Chicago, U.S.A	1956-1957		Ancona, Italy (Army)	1945 - 1946
3rd P.A. Stark Piano Co., Chicago	Dates 1957 -1967		Coppull, England	Dates 1946 - 1956
Grocery store owner Chgo.	1956 - 1963			
4th Littel Machine Shop,	Dates 1967-1973		Chicago, Illinois U.S.	Dates 1956-1973

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican, Polish Vets Assoc., Polish Nat'l Relief, Polish Alliance, Independent Poles, Polish Combatant Assoc., etc.
Place of marriage to your mother Murnau, Bavaria (now Germany) date 14, August 1945
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Joanna Josephine ZELMANN Current Residence Chicago, Illinois
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Jaroslaw, Poland Date of birth 20, December 1922
Education (number of years)
grade school 6 high school 4 vocational _____ college 2

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Secretary, Translator	Dates 1939-41	1st	Noremberg, Germany	Dates 1943-45
2nd Laborer at Forced Labor Camp, Germany	Dates 1943-45	2nd	Ancona, Italy	Dates 1945-46
3rd Grocery store owner	Dates 1956-63	3rd	Coppull, England	Dates 1946-56
Clerk at Health Food Store	1969-74	4th.	Chicago, Illinois	1956-present

Religion Roman Catholic
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat, Ladies Auxiliary of St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Polish Relief Fund
Place of marriage to your father Murnau, Bavaria date 14, August 1945
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F for E-2, F-2 = your name should appear below

Name ANNA MARIA WENZEL Gray
Place of birth Ancona, Italy Date of birth 16, June 1946
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Activities Director-Retirement Home
Residence Belvidere, Illinois Marital Status married to Gary Dale Gray
Number of children (2) two

Name Isabel Stanislawa WENZEL Balkin
Place of birth Penley, South Wales, Grt. Britain Date of birth 4, Sept. 1948
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Legal Secretary
Residence Elmwood Park, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children none

Name Teresa Janina WENZEL
Place of birth Coppull, Lancashire, England Date of birth 11, Sept. 1953
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Dental Assistant
Residence Chicago, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children —

Name Frances Valerie WENZEL
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth 22, May 1957
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation student
Residence Chicago, Illinois Marital Status single
Number of children —

Name Peter Edmund WENZEL
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth 12, February 1964
Number of years of schooling 6 Occupation student
Residence Chicago, Illinois Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
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Residence Marital Status
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Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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I hereby donate our family [illegible] to the Rock Valley College [illegible] Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois.

Signed Anna M Gray

Date Nov. 25, 1974

GENEALOGY CHART

NA MARIA WENZEL
16, June 1946
ied 9, March 1964

ary Dale GRAY
rn: 30, January 1943
nied: 9, March, 1964

Carrie Ann
rn: 8, August 1968

Steven Scott
n: 19, June 1968

Edmund Heliodor WENZEL
Father
B 25, October 1913
M 14, August 1945
D 20, December 1973

Hippolyte WENZEL
Grandfather
B July 28, 1880
M October 9, 1908
D October 9, 1931

Franciszek WENZEL
Great grandfather
B
M
D

Juliana Blaszczynska
Great grandmother
B
D

Franciszka CWCZARSKA
Grandmother
B 24, February 1886
D

Jan CWCZARSKI
B
M
D
① Bronislawa SOKOLOWSKA
② VALERIA BECKER
B
D

Joanna Josepha ZELMANN
Mother
B 20, December 1922
M 14, August 1945
D

Stanislaw ZELLMANN
Grandfather
B 2, May 1879
M 12, Sept 1909
D 14, Aug. 1948

Jacob ZELMANN
B 20, July 1843
M 6, Jan. 1869
D

Katarzyna DE DRON
B 4, May 1852
D

Valeria WOJTAS
Grandmother
B 4, Dec. 1883
D 30, Jan. 1958

Tomasz WOJTAS
B 6, March 1834
M 15, Aug. 1863
D

Apolonia ZAEAJ
B 8, February 1843
D 1931

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER

HIPPOLYTE WENZEL

My grandfather was born on July 28, 1880 in Pleszew nr. Jarocin in Poland. Hippolyte was sent at 13 years of age with a bag of belongings to Germany to study baking as an apprentice. He had completed his elementary education and now was sent to learn the baker's trade. Three years were spent learning the trade under a master baker, four years as an apprentice, and then after passing a Board examination he became a Master baker.

At twenty years of age, he then went back to Pleszew where he worked as a baker and confectioner with his father. His father was also a baker but according to the rules of the powerful trade unions of the day he could not study under his father. Long years of apprenticeship dating back to the Middle Ages are still in use today as in my Grandfather's time.

PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

FRANCISZKA OWCZARSKA

My grandmother was born on February 24, 1886 in the rural community of Gutow in Jarocin County, Poland. Her father, Jan Owczarski, was a school teacher.

PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS' LIFE TOGETHER

At twenty-eight years of age, Hippolyte Wenzel married my Grandmother Franciszka Owczarska, age 22, on Oct 9, 1908. Their "life acheivement" as my Grandmother remembers was the purchase of a brick building which included six apartments, a bakery and a confectionery shop specializing in the sale of cakes and pastries both managed by my Grandfather.

The apartments were large and roomy including four rooms and a kitchen. My Grandparents lived in one of these apartments collecting rent from the othe other apartments and supervising the bakery. Another building in the rear was used to house the apprentices of the trade learning the business from my Grandfather, a master baker.

It was in this home that they raised my Father, Edmund, and three daughters Maria, Lucia, and Cecelia. Another daughter Marta Irena died at the age of nine.

Education was encouraged by my Grandparents. Their son, Edmund, finished Jr. College and then Military School and Maria, now Sister Mary Angelica of the Servants of Mary, was a teacher and for years the head of an orphanage. She presently resides in Gniezno near Poznan. Lucia, now living with her Mother is unmarried and is a retired civil servant. Her occupation was secretary at an Old Peoples Home. Cecelia finished high school and married Henryk Rusiecki and they presently reside in Kwidzyn, Gdansk county.

My Grandfather died at the age of 51 on October 9, 1931. His death which occured on his twenty-third wedding anniversary was due to a heart attack. My Father took over the business then for a period of two years and then it was leased to another baker.

When the Germans invaded Poland, they handed over the building to the "treuhander" the man who had rented the bakery before the war. My Grandmother would have been evicted from her own home like many other homeowners if not for the kindness of her former renter. She was given one room with no kitchen facilities in which to live.

After W.W.II when Poland lost her independence, there was an acute shortage of living quarters due to the destruction of the bombing. The government stated that each person needed only a certain number of square feet for accommodations and therefore it was not unusual for one room to house two or three persons. At this time my Grandmother's building was converted into many apartments to accomodate the required quota of people. My Grandmother was fortunate considering the times to retain one room for herself and one for her daughter Lucia. They reside there to this day and must use a kitchen that is down the hallway.

The building was willed to my Father upon the death of his father. During his visit to Poland in 1970 my Father signed the house over to my Grandmother. The rent is paid to her but Grandmother realizes no profits. The building received tuckpointing recently and the cost was 90,000 zlotys. All monies go towards the upkeep of the building and these payments are made to the city Council who will mortgage the building if these improvements are not maintained.

My Grandmother is now eighty-eight years old and is still a very active and alert person who still corresponds with our family regularly.

MY FATHER

EDMUND HELIODOR WENZEL

Edmund Heliodor, the only son of Hippolyte and Franciszka Owczarska Wenzel, was born October 25, 1913 in Pleszew, Poznan County, Poland. He and his sisters Maria, Lucia, Cecelia and Marta Irena were raised in the Roman Catholic faith.

During W.W.I my Father spent his first years living with his grandparents in the town of Gutow. Here on Jan Owczarski's farm during the years 1914-1920 the living conditions were safer and there was no shortage of food. Father received his first two years of schooling here in Gutow where his grandfather was also a school teacher. After the war, my Father resumed his grammar school education in Pleszew. His father, Hippolyte, was a baker and owned the apartment building where they lived as well as a bakery and confectionery shop.

High school graduation in 1928 was followed by two years of Jr. College. In 1930 my Father underwent 18 months of compulsory military training in the Independent Polish Republic Army. He received training as an officer of the reserves and it was here that he decided to make the military his career. His father died suddenly at the age of fifty-one from a heart attack and my Father took over the responsibility of the bakery business at the age of 18. He supervised fifteen workers and worked long hours at night and, as recorded in his diary during later POW years, he reflected these" were hard times for me; the pursuit of knowledge, youth, sports and company would not mix well with the bakery business." His "aim to be a career officer" never left him and realizing this his mother leased the business to another baker.

From 1934 to 1937 my Father attended Podchorazych Military School at Zegrze (Poland's equivalent to West Point) where he became a member

of the Signal Corps. Specializing in communications, he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd Co. of the 7th Telegraphy Battalion of Poznan on Oct 14, 1938. As the Germans advanced through Polish territory during Autumn of 1939, my Father's Battalion received orders to retreat from Poznan to Lublin on September 5, 1939. In the battle that ensued, the Germans wiped out the Company. My Father and othere who were not taken prisoner rejoined the 2nd Telegraphy Co. under General Piskor. On September 21, 1939 the Polish Army surrendered to the German army at Zielona near Lublin and my Father became a POW.

From October 5, 1939 until the American Liberation in 1945, my Father was held a a prisoner of war by the Germans under the rules of the Geneva Convention at Oflag VIIA, Murnau, W. Bavaria. Career and reserve officers plus thirty-two Polish generals were held prisoner here receiving minimum pay in German marks, not working and able to correspond with family and friends according to the Convention rules.

In 1944, my Father tried to locate his nephew, Stanislaw Mielcarski, whose whereabouts where unknown. An official notice sent to my Father at OflagVIIA stated that Officer Mielcarski was killed at Katyn. It was here that the Russians in their advance through Poland massacred 11,000 Polish officers and placed their bodies in mass graves. These men —of whom 9,000 were officers, as well as doctors, lawyers, teachers, and scientists and the rest specially selected noncomissioned officers and enlisted men — represented the pride of Polish society and much of the strength of the Polish national state.

It was here in OflagVIIA, that my Father,POW No. 15608, kept a diary written in Polish which included a brief autobiography, his grandparents' names, lists of letters sent and received, thoughts and writings written in German, Polish, French and English. This diary has been the main

source of all the dates and facts concerning my Father's life until his marriage to my Mother.

Also present in Oflag VIIA were Eugene Zellmann (my Mother's brother), Taddeus Fijalkowski (married later to Mother's sister Stanislawa), and Zygmunt Wojtas (Mother's first cousin).

Eugene Zellmann had taken his friend and fellow officer, Edmund Wenzel, to visit his family in Jaroslaw in 1939. It was here that my Father first met Janina, Eugene's youngest sister then seventeen years old, who was to be his future wife. During the years he was held prisoner of war their relationship developed through numerous letters. On June 22, 1945, my Father received papers enabling him to search for my Mother in Nuremberg, Germany where she had been working at a German labor camp. The Americans had successfully defeated the Germans and my Father's six years of imprisonment were now over.

MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER

TOMASZ WOJTAS

He was born on March 6, 1834 at Rudnik on the River San in Nisko County, Poland. He was a farmer and owned two farms with a considerable amount of land. On August 15, 1863 he married Apolonia Zagaj and they raised their family on their farm. Since three of their children went to America to seek their fortunes, Stephania and Valeria inherited the farms as part of their dowry.

MATERNAL GREAT GRANDMOTHER

APOLONIA ZAGAJ

A farm girl also from Rudnik on the River San, Apolonia married Tomasz Wojtas and was the mother of nine children. Michal became a priest; Stephania married; Jan became an engineer; Bronislaw and Franciczek came to America where Bronislaw was murdered; Anna died in childhood; Marya emigrated to New York; and, Valeria, my Grandmother, married Stanislaw Zelmann.

She was born on February 8, 1843 and died in 1931.

MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER

JACOB ZEIMANN

He was born July 20, 1843 in Radochonce, Moscieska County, near Jaroslaw, Poland. His father had emigrated to Radochonce from Hamburg, Germany with a group of other farmers who wanted to establish a model farming community, similar to the Amish of today. Jacob was also a farmer and lived in Radochonce all his life where he married Katarzyna De Dron on January 6, 1869.

MATERNAL GREAT GRANDMOTHER

KATARZYNA De DRON

Bornon May 4,1852 in Radochonce, Moscieska County, near Jaroslaw, Poland, Katarzyna married Jacob and apparently never left her home town. She and Jacob raised four children: Andrew, Jan, Agatha and Stanislaw, my grandfather.

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER

STANISLAW ZELMANN

Born on May 2, 1879 in Radochonce, Moscieska County, near Jaroslaw, Poland, Stanislaw Zelmann was raised in the Roman Catholic faith and lived on his father's farm with his brothers Jan and Andrew and sister Agatha. He finished seven years of school which consisted of five years of elementary and two years of higher learning. This was the average educational experience of the day. He became a foreman at the Agricultural Cooperative in Radochonce at fifteen years of age. He held this position until 1899 when he was drafted into the 89th Infantry Division of the Army in Grodek-Jagielonski. Leaving the Army in 1903, Stanislaw joined the Austrian military police. At this time Poland was still divided between Russia, Prussia and Austria. From 1795 when this division took place until WWI, Poland was erased from European maps.

After twenty-four months of schooling he was assigned to a gendarme post in Nadbrzeze. From 1905-11 he was also stationed as a military policeman at the posts of Rudnick on the River San, Golce, Nisko, Stryj, Zawoczne, Horodenka, Nowy i Stary Sambor, Przezani, Rzeszow, Kamien Wisniowa, etc. (Most of these towns are now within the boundary of the U.S.S.R.)

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

VALERIA WOJTAS

My Grandmother was born on December 4, 1883 on her father's farm at Rudnik on the River San. She lived here until her marriage to Stanislaw Zelmann.

She was raised as a Roman Catholic and had a grammar school education which was considered sufficient schooling for a girl at that time. A good marriage was the main objective and since two of her brothers and one sister had emigrated to America, Valeria and Stephania were willed the family property as part of their dowry.

MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS LIFE TOGETHER

Grandfather Stanislaw was a military policeman stationed at Rudnik on the River San, the hometown of Valeria Wojtas. After an appropriate courtship they were married on September I2, I909 — he was thirty and she was twenty-six years of age. Their first child and only son, Eugene, was born in I9I0. In I9II Grandfather was sent for one more year of schooling by the high command in Lwow (Russia now, Austria in I9II). Upon completion of this course he was promoted to Commander of the post in Golce. It was here in Golce in I9I2 that the oldest of their six daughters was born, Stanislawa Apolonia.

When the war between Austria and Russia started in I9I4, Grandfather Stanislaw as Commander had to mobilize the armed forces near the Russian border. In his words he "waged a small war with the Cossack patrols in the Golce region of the border until the invasion." During the war, Grandfather was assigned to the Gendarme I0th Division and sent to the front where a heavy artillery battle was waged. He stayed with this unit until the Russians retreated at the Mount of St. Martin's near Tarnow. On November 5, I9I6 the kingdom of Poland was proclaimed under German and Austrian protection. The Allied victory however enabled Poland to become an independent democratic republic on November I, I918 thus bringing an end to the Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

On this same day of national independence my Grandfather was assigned to the Polish Gendarmes in Jaroslaw where he fulfilled his duties until November 30,1919. This organization became part of the Polish National Police on December 1,1919. Grandfather was then automatically absorbed by this force and became Commander of the post in Bystrowice (8kilometers from Jaroslaw).He stayed here until May 15, 1925, and

then he was transferred to the High Command in Jaroslaw until he retired on April 1, 1926 at forty-seven years of age.

During these years of work as a member of the military police, five more daughters were born to my Grandparents: Kazimera Tekla in 1914, Irena in 1916, Izabella in 1918, Hermina in 1920 and my Mother Janina in 1922.

Shortly after the independence of Poland, my Grandparents built a home in the outskirts of Jaroslaw. Built in 1920 seven hundred feet from the River San, it was a roomy one story rough-hewn wood sided bungalow. It had a steep tile shingled roof and inside the floors were wood parquet and the walls plastered. The four rooms were large with plenty of space for their large family. Oriental-patterned carpets were hung on the walls for decoration. Heating was supplied by coal and wood stoves in each room. These stoves were enclosed by decorative, hand-painted tiles and they gave off a radiant-type heat. Water was taken from an outdoor pump and the toilet facilities were in an outdoor building. The attic was used as a place to play and for storage. There were storage sheds in the garden also. An orchard filled with apple and pear trees and a large vegetable garden were in back of the house. A gardener was hired to prune the trees and Grandfather enjoyed attempting to crossbreed the different varieties of fruit trees. He also made wine and preserves from his own currants. (Diagram of the property is enclosed herein.)

An old nurse who had attended the children as they were growing up lived in a lean-to addition near the kitchen. A maid also lived in the kitchen and was responsible for the house work and food preparation. Young girls from poor farming areas were glad to gain employment and receive 5 or 10 zlotys a month in wages. A washer-woman also was hired to wash and iron the laundry and linens once a month. The linens were washed, starched, dried and put through a mangle.

Jaroslaw was a city of 225,000 people and composed of farms and businesses. Military parades were an important community event since eight military garrisons were also located in the town. A variety of churches fulfilled the citizen's spiritual needs: Three Roman Catholic, one Lutheran, one Greek Orthodox, one Jewish synagouge, and three or four other denominations including a Baptist Church. One factory producing cookies for export was present and also a slaughter house. The town hall was a structure built in the 18th century with a "burmiestz" or mayor as its head. A railroad station served as a means of transportation and communication.

Grandmother Valeria inherited two farms from her parents as part of her dowry. The rent income from these and Grandfather's occupations enabled them to live a comfortable, well-off life. The housework was left to the hired help and my Grandmother busied herself with other interests. She supervised her daughters' needlework and presented the Church with a hand embroidered gift every year. She enjoyed reading very much and insisted on spending two months every summer at a health sanitorium enjoying the mineral waters. The rumors of WWII didn't even stop her from continuing these trips. Grandmother was also active in the women's auxiliary of the police association.

My Grandfather was the disciplinarian of the family and was the one most interested in the welfare of his children. It was he, not Grandmother, who attended school and parent meetings and supervised most of their educational activities.

Their children were not expected to do any housework but schooling and the pursuit of a good education were stressed by both parents. A dowry or education, and that usually meant completion of a higher education, were the days' requirements for having made a good marriage,

that is, a wealthy or prosperous one. A suitable dowry for six daughters was financially impossible and therefore education was stressed. Stanislawa received her Masters degree, Kazimera finished two years of college and Eugene finished six years of law school. Izabella graduated from business college, Irena from teacher's college, Hermina finished high school and was married and my Mother's education was stopped by the war. In preparation for their daughter Hermina's marriage, six seamstresses were hired to sew her trousseu as part of her dowry.

Looking through family records I found many different ways that the family name was recorded. Since the name Zelmann had a foreign history (the original ancestors coming from Germany) it was misspelled on many occasions depending on the people who filled out the forms. Zelman, Zellmann, Zelmann and Zellman are the various forms used. However, in 1934 my Grandfather legalized the spelling to Zellmann when the military reported their son Eugene as on leave without absence from the service. This was an error due to confusion over the correct spelling of the name. My Mother and Grandfather preferred and used the Zelmann spelling of their surname.

On July 13, 1926 after his retirement from the police force, Grandfather was accepted by the county of Jaroslaw as the political cashier-executor in the Polish National Insurance administration. At this time he was also receiving a pension from the police force. He held this position with the Insurance Co. until October 15, 1926 when he was then accepted by the Mutual National Insurance Company as an auditor. He received a bronze medal in recognition for his services from the ministry of National Insurance when he retired in 1945.

There were no close relatives living in the town, the nearest were fifty kilometers away. During the summer when Grandmother Valeria

went to the health sanatorium, the children would spend their vacations on farms of friendsand family or at home on the River San.

Emphasis on the namesday or Saints-day was stressed not the birthday as we commonly celebrate our births. This was a very special occasion and usually feathred an open house in honor of the person. Musicians were hired to play for Grandfather's namesday celebration, the feast of St. Stanislaus.

The Roman Catholic Church was an integral part of their lives. Grandmother Valeria was a devout member of the Church and encouraged the attendance of Mass on Sunday and special devotions. Church feasts as well as Christmas and Easter were important and celebrated at both Church and home.

Holidays were a time of celebration for family and friends and the home was filled with music and dancing. Market day meant that relatives from the country would stop by and visit my Grandparents. Food that was not supplied by the garden was purchased at the market place which was held in the open and also in an indoor hall. The peasants would bring fresh butter, milk and dairy products as well as wood and potatoes to sell.

Grandfather Stanislaw played the violin for pleasure, the classics were his favorites. For namesdays he enjoyed accompanying other musicians in the festivities. Grandmother did not appreciate his musical talent and was all to quick to suggest to her husband (slightly intoxicated at the time) that he give his violin to a friend whose violin had been broken in a fight. Much to his later regret, Grandfather gave his friend the instrument. His children presented him with a hand wound record player to replace the fiddle. Grandfather enjoyed listening to operas and my Mother recalls that the sounds of the classics playing always meant that Grandfather was in a specially good mood.

The close proximity of the River San provided an opportunity for the family to take Sunday outings by boat. Cars were not present in Jaroslaw until 1932 except those owned by doctors. Grandfather never owned an automobile. The main mode of trasportation was by horse drawn carriage or "doroszka." Still used in present-day Poland these carriages were also hired for special occasions — white horses for a wedding, black for a funeral.

Weddings in the villages lasted for two or three days of merriment, but in town the Church ceremony was usually followed by a reception at the bride's home. Funeral arrangements were handled by a funeral director. The body was laid out at home for two days. According to wealth, the room and open casket were draped with black velvet bunting. Notices of the death and burial arrangements were posted all over the town for the public to see. A black horse-drawn "doroszka" was used to transport the body to the cemetery.

In 1932, my Grandparents bought their first radio, one of the very first in their neighborhood. Friends and neighbors came with their chairs and all assembled in the garden to listen to the music.

In 1938, the Germans started to bomb the Jaroslaw area. Grandfather, still working for the Insurance Company, and Grandmother lived in their home during these days when getting something to eat sometimes meant trading hand sewn linens for goods. The Russians and Germans clashed at the River San very close to their home in 1941. The war years caused family ties to be abruptly severed. Their son Eugene was an officer and captured by the Germans and placed in a POW camp in Murnau. Four daughters were seized by the Germans and transported to Germany to work in labor camps. This was usually a sudden occurence, the Germans "rounding-up" the youth from the streets and conveying them to

different destinations. Oftentimes there was no opportunity to say goodbye to the family. Correspondence was the only means of communication and personal contact was impossible. The family unity was disrupted by these forced apprehensions of the Germans and the eventual emigration of Stanislawa, Izabella, Irena, and Janina to different countries after the war ended. After the American liberation, Poland became a Communist dominated country.

In 1944, Kazimera took care of Grandmother and Grandfather who was suffering from arthritis and asthma. My Grandfather Stanislaw Zelmann died at the age of sixty-nine on August 14, 1948. My Grandmother Valeria Zelmann died January 30, 1958 at the age of seventy-five. They were both buried in the traditional manner described earlier and the home that they lived in is now the home of their daughter Kazimera and her husband Jan Adamkiewicz.

MY MOTHER

JOANNA JOSEPHINE ZELMANN

Joanna Josephine Zelmann was born December 20, 1922 in Jaroslaw, Poland the youngest child of Stanislaw and Valeria Wojtas Zelmann. She was born at home during the time of Poland's years as a democratic republic. The home was roomy enough for Janina (as my Mother prefers to be called) and five sisters and one brother.

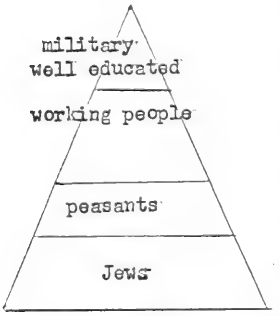
At the age of six in 1928 she started grammar school. From 1933-37 she attended high school and junior college until war broke out in 1939. She was not expected to do the housework since the hired help were in charge of all household duties. Her parents emphasized the value of a good education, a determining factor of one's status. Her mother taught her and her sisters to embroider with delicate stitches the linens for home and Church.

During the two months of summer vacation, she would either visit relatives or friends on farms or spend some time at the Insurance Company Camp in the country when not at home. For amusements, my Mother and siblings attended movies, the theater and the circus. Mother remembers seeing the American version of "Tarzan and Jane" as a child. Besides the family outings on the River San, Mother had a kayak and spent many hours paddling on the river. There were many animal pets kept during her childhood years. Dogs, especially a German Shephard named Lord, goats, chickens, rabbits, cats and mice found a home in the Zelmann household.

At home, holidays were a time of merriment and festivity. Reared in the Roman Catholic faith, Church holidays were important occasions and celebrated both at Church and home. Christmas decorations and gifts were started three months in advance. Intricately cut paper, foil and straw ornaments were made to decorate the tree. Presents were

left by Saint Nicholas on December 8th instead of Christmas. Christmas Eve, a religious celebration, included midnight Mass preceded my a meatless meal featuring red beet barscz, pierogi filled with sauerkraut and fish. The traditioanl breaking and eating of "oplatki" a wafer-like bread, signified the wishing of good health and blessings for the year. Each person present at the table extended his wishes to the rest of the family by a kiss and the sharing of his bread. Christmas celebrations lasted two days, the first for family, the second for friends. Other holidays receiving special attention were Whitsun, Easter, "Zielona Swieta" and Mother's Day on the 12th of May. The closest relatives were fifty kilometers away but family reunions were held occasionally and those in attendance included cousins and other relatives in the Army.

The military and well educated held the highest position in the social pyramid of Poland in the first half of this century. The military were in power and paid well. Jaroslaw was the location of eight garrisons. Military parades were held often especially on May 3rd, Polish Constitution Day, and Nov. 11, Poland's celebration of their Liberation in 1918. My Mother's father, Stanislaw Zelmann had been a member of the military police and the families' education placed them in this upper bracket. Working people held a lesser position with the hard working peasants following next. On the bottom of this social scale were members of the Jewish community who were very well educated and wealthy businessmen, lawyers and merchants. They were a close knit unit held together by their religious and ethnic ties, but they suffered a great deal of hatred and prejudice from those outside their circle.



During her high school years, 1933-37, my Mother was a

member of the PW organization, a Club for the preparation for Army Service. Weekly meetings were held with lessons in government and two weeks were spent in a camp for survival and terrain education. Mother participated in many other organizations at school. She was a member of the Art and Drama clubs, active in track and volley ball, and participant in various extra projects including raising silkworms. Latin, fluency in German, physics and math were some of the subjects my Mother studied.

The namesday celebration was another special event celebrated by the family. My Mother recalls waiting with great anticipation for her 15th year namesday to occur. It was then that the musicians came to the home and seranaded her, a special custom for adults.

These were years of peace in an independent Poland when Mother and her older sisters and brother enjoyed pursuing a good education, life at home on the River and Cotillion dances. However in 1938 the Germans under Hitler starting bombing Poland. Mother's education came to an abrupt stop and when the German's took control of Poland she stayed home with her parents. During the German occupation, my Mother registered with the German Civilian Labor board, as was the rule for all people of working age. From 1939-41 she was employed as a secretary and translator for the postal system. When the war between the Russians and Germans seemed imminent, Mother was dismissed from her position since she was too close to the war news. For the next two years my Mother worked as a secretary and therefore escaped being taken as part of the German forced labor movement. The San River was the natural divider for the two opposing forces. As the bombing was waged and sentries patroled both sides of the river, my Mother and her family helped people get across German lines, a very dangerous task. Dusk to dawn curfew was the law during the occupation and no socializing was attempted too far from home. In December 1943 while on her way to work, Mother was involuntarily seized and without time to say good-bye to her

family was transported to Nuremberg where she worked sewing and then in an electronics factory. Mother's three older sisters were apprehended in the same manner several years earlier as were countless other young Poles. Correspondence by letter was the only meansof communication and at times such as Christmastime 1939 there was no word from the older sisters for three months.

In 1945, the Russians crossed the River San and occupied Jaroslaw. Then later in the same year the American forces defeated Germany and due to the Potsdam Confernce, Poland's boundaries were again changed and a Communist dominated government was established.

My mother and her sisters, Stanislawa, Izabella, and Irena were reunited in Germany but they did not go back to their home in Poland after the war due to their political differences and those of their future husbands.

MY PARENTS LIFE TOGETHER

After six days of traveling, my Father reached Nuremberg and found my Mother at the German work camp. They went back to Murnau, Bavaria and on August 14, 1945 Janina Jozefa Zelmann became the wife of Edmund Heliodor Wenzel. The wedding was held in the chapel at Murnau by Father Jerzy Szacki with Stanislawa Zellmann and Wladyslaw Wojtas as members of the wedding party. Their honeymoon was spent in the Alps and then on September 2, 1945 they were sent to Italy where my Father was assigned to the Polish 2nd Co. allied to the 8th British Army. Living in Ancona, Italy until August 30, 1946, my Father was an instructor for the 11th Signal Corps at Porto San Giorgio, Fallconara. The Polish army had been allies with the American and British forces during the was and now also in peacetime.

My mother did not work during this period. They lived in private quarters at the base and ate all their meals in the officers' mess. Officers were paid well and lived comfortably; there was ample time for my parents to tour Rome and other Italian cities. Post war years in Italy however were difficult for her citizens who had food rationing. King Paul's monarchy was deposed and the government was then forming a republic.

On June 16, 1946, I was born in Ancona and then when two months old accompanied my Mother on her journey to England. With 300 Mothere and children, all dependents of the British army, we traveled from Ancona to Barletta with Father remaining in Italy. Traveling by train to Naples and then toSouth Hampton by boat we arrived in England on Sept 2, 1946. We arrived by train from South Hampton to Kingston and then by bus to Angle, Pembrokeshire, Wales where my Father joined us and where we lived until Nov. 15, 1946. From there they moved to the Haverford West Army

Camp for the 11th Signal Army Corps and in April 1947 they were trasferred to Oulton Park, Cheshire.

A second daughter Izabella (Isabel) Stanislawa was born on September 4, 1948 in the Army hospital at Penley, South Wales, eighty miles away from Oulton.

Living quarters were provided at the Army bases. There was no food rationing for the military, but British civilians had ration stamps. My parents corresponded with their families and it was in 1948 that my Mother received word of her Father's death.

InApril 1948, Father's unit was demobilized and his commission cancelled. The previous two years had been spent undergoing training, P.P.R., to facilitate a transition from the Army life to that of a civilian.

Combining their severance pay and savings, a total of £2,500 ($3.00 equaled one pound at the time), my parents bought a home in joint ownership with Peter and Helen Brzechwa on Longworth Ave in Coppull, Lancashire, in April 1948. It was a one family brick home with yard. Three bedrooms upstairs, a living or "sitting room", kitchen and bathroom downstairs. Coal was used as fuel in the two fireplaces, one in the main bedroom and one in the sitting room with electric heaters to warm the other rooms on colder days.

After six months, realizing that this was too small a home, my parents sold their interest and re-invested their savings in a home at 15 Spendmore Ave., also in Coppull. This was a semi-detached (town-house) brick, single family, three bedroom home. Downstairs contained a kitchen and dining room area and a sitting room; three bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. One bedroom was used as storage for wintering potatoes and vegetables that were grown on part of the four acres of land that my Father rented from the City. Here he also had buildings where he raised five hundred chickens. The front yard was filled with climbing roses and the back yard had a large

vegetable patch and some currant bushes. Open fields were past the yard, Coppull being a small town in a rural setting.

Mother sewed all the clothes on a treadle sewing machine and embroidered all our dresses. Father also grew mushrooms as a hobby.

As civilians they were included in the food rationing program which was in effect until 1953. Some items rationed were: one fourth pound margarine and one eigth pound butter per person a week; (later increased to two sticks); two eggs per person a week and meat available only on Tuesday and Friday. Coal was rationed until 1956 at two bags per family.

Mother did not have a refrigerator but did use an electric stove for cooking. They had a radio but televisions were luxuries, only two families on our street owning them. My Father rode a bike to his job at the Textile Factory in Standish near Coppull. There were very few cars at the time; persons having to wait several years after placing an order. In April 1949 my Father, mostly called "Tata" by his children, made £6/week and by 1956 this had increased to £11. Of his earnings 2 a month was spent on the electricity bills. £1. 10s / week or £8/ month was paid for the mortgage and life insurance policies. The vegetables, potatoes and chickens helped to bring in extra income and supplement the rationed amounts of other products in post-war England.

Members of the Roman Catholic church, my parents sent their children to St. Oswald's school. Both parents knew how to speak, read and write in the English language. Mother worked in Church and community activities and my Father was active in many Polish organizations. He was the founder of the Polish school in Chorley, member of the Polish Ex-Combatants, Polish Signal Corps, Polish National Relief Co., and he was the Lancashire representative to the Polish Council of the Polish government in exile in London. This government was organized in 1939 and still functions in opposition to the communist regime now ruling Poland.

Their third daughter, Teresa Janina was born at the District Hospital in Chorley on September 11, 1953. This was the year of Queen Elizabeth's coronation — a year of nationwide celebration and highlighted in our neighborhood by a street party and games.

November the fifth meant another annual celebration in honor of Guy Fawkes. Bonfires made from huge piles of brush and lumber were collected for weeks and then set aflame with fireworks also lighted by neighbors joining in the festivities. One of the most popular Church activities was a procession and crowning of Our Lady in May.

During the P.P.R. training all the Polish soldiers had the option to choose a country to emigrate to since they were stateless and politically unable to return to their homeland. The three choices mainly offered were South America, the United States, and Australia. Mother's sister Irena and her husband Marian Mankowski moved to Australia in 1951; Stanislawa and her husband Taddeus Fijalkowski moved to Chicago in 1950; and Isabella married an Englishman George Dart and they lived in London. My parents first decided to move to Argentina but decided against this after studying the climate and economy. They applied for emigration to the U.S. but they were two days late with their application and had to wait until 1955 when President Eisenhower offered 2,000 former Polish soldiers the opportunity to apply for a special permanent visa for emigration to the States. They applied for this visa and planned to join Stanislawa and her family in Chicago where the opportunities for living were better.

Their home on Spendmore Avenue was sold for the same price they had originally paid for it. The monies and their savings were used to pay the $1,000.00 necessary to pay for the journey to the U.S. This included the tourist class boat and train fare for two adults and three children for the ten day journey and also the trips to the Consulate and Health departments in London.

On June 16, 1956, my tenth birthday, we sailed from Liverpool on the S.S. Franconia of the Cunard Line and then traveled by train from New York to Chicago. With $700.00 my parents arrived in America and after four weeks living with my Mother's sister they bought their furniture, including a refrigerator and t.v., and rented a home with grocery store at 1456 North Cleaver St., Chicago. Two years later they purchased this building for $5,500.

For this first year in America, my Father worked for a Construction company bringing home $100-150 a week. My mother managed a grocery store until 1963 making an annual profit of $2,000-2,500 a year.

The home was a two-story frame with grocery store in the front and kitchen and bathroom adjoining. A large enclosed porch, three bedrooms, two living rooms and a bathroom completed the second floor. In 1963, the store was closed and after remodeling, two large rooms were finished—one a living room and the other a family-type room for the grand piano, dining room furniture and plants.

On May 22, 1957, a fourth daughter was born at home, Frances Valerie. In this same year my Father started working for the P.A. Starck Piano Co. for $93-100 per week until they went out of business in 1967.

All their children were sent to parochial grammar and high schools just five minutes away. The store was open six days a week, but on Sundays my Father always took us for a ride to Lake Michigan or to the country. As soon as he arrived in America he bought a black '48 Buick for transportation and then several newer cars through the years. We spent two weeks every summer vacationing at various lakes.

Though we all learned how to speak in Polish, we spoke English most of the time at home, my Father preferring to converse in Polish. Polish traditions especially Christmas Eve have been kept in the traditional way —especially sharing the "oplatki" sent from Grandmother Franciszka.

GREAT BRITAIN

Their first son Peter Edmund was born on Feb. 12, 1964 at Ill. Masonic Hospital.

My Mother became a citizen in 1968, my Father in 1970. He was a declared Republican and she a Democrat.

From1967-73 my Father worked at Littel Machine Co., usually bringing home $150-185, depending on overtime hours. He spent three weeks in 1970 visiting Poland for the first time since 1939 and was reunited with his Mother and sisters. He was always active in the Polish cause and was a member of the same organizations he had been in England plus being vice-president of the SPK, Commander of the Polish Veterans Assoc., member of the 90th Post of Veterans, Independent Poles and Polish National alliance. He also received the General Haller Cross, the highest award given for veteran work and the silver and gold crosses of merit.

My mother worked in both full and part-time capacities at Michaels Products, a health food store, from 1969-74. She has always been active in the Ladies Auxiliary at the Schools and is a member of the Polish National Relief. Both parents encouraged their children to do well in school. My mother is an avid reader, interested in herbs and wild flowers, embroiders intricate patterns, learning Spanish, and now pursuing a new hobby — making fragrant pouporris from dried flowers and herbs.

In 1971, the old store front with its huge glass windows was remodeled with redwood siding in its place now. My Mother, sisters Teresa and Frances and brother Peter live there today.

My Father, Edmund Heliodor Wenzel, died suddenly from an apparent heart attack on December 20, 1973.

Anna Maria attended St. Oswalds in England, then St. Stanislaus Kostka grammar and high schools graduating in Jan 1965 from Wells high school. Married to Gary Dale Gray in March 1964, I now reside in Belvidere with my two children, Steve and Carrie.

Isabel Stanislawa attended St. Stanislaus Grammar School and two years at St. Stanislaus high school. She then graduated from Jones Commercial high school and has been employed as a legal secretary since 1966. She married Thomas Peter Balkin on November 1, 1969 and they have just moved into their first home in Elmwood Park, Ill.

Teresa Janina also graduated from St. Stanislaus Grammar and high schools. She continued her education at the University of Illinois taking a course as a dental assistant, a position she has held for two years now.

Frances Valerie, seventeen years of age, attended St. Stanislaus grammar school and is now a senior at Holy Family Academy. She is at present deciding which college to attend in '75, possibly DeKalb, and at present has not decided on a major.

Peter Edmund Wenzel, now ten years old, attends fifth grade at the same school his sisters attended. He is an altar boy, Webelo, and plays the piano.

MY LIFE

ANNA MARIA WENZEL GRAY

I was born on June 16, 1946 in Ancona, Italy. At two months of age, my Mother and Father moved to England where we lived until I was ten.

Coppull was a small town with fields all around where I spent my free time exploring with friends. I attended St. Oswald's school at five years of age — the teacher had a switch and medieval English history is the only subject that stands out in my memory. We visited my Aunt Izabella and Uncle George in London several times where I visited Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. While attending the parochial school I made my first Communion and participated in religious activities such as the May crowning. On Saturdays, instead of seeing Disney features at the show, I went to Chorley by bus and attended Polish school.

My parents decided to emigrate to America and we sailed on the S.S. Franconia from Liverpool to New York on my tenth birthday. The trip was an adventure —new friends and sights to see, the sighting of a school of whales a special treat.

It was easy for us to conform to the American way of life especially since there was no language barrier. The students at St. Stanislaus were mainly of Polish ancestry and we were taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. My parents encouraged school work, never really insisting on too many chores to be done at home, therefore helping me to really enjoy school and good grades. We attended Mass every morning before school and I made my Confirmation in sixth grade.

In 1960 the new St. Stanislaus Kostka High School was completed and I became part of the freshman class whose enrollment was 110. Tuition was ninety dollars plus book purchase and we wore beige uniforms and plaid skirts. I was class president in my freshman and sophomore years

and also a member of other organizations such as Sodality and Library. In, 1963, I was president of the Library Association of all Catholic high schools in Chicago, a challenging job with the other officers representing various other schools. I participated in science fairs and in 1962 went down to Champaign-Urbana where I placed third.

In my junior year, I started working at Imperial Bakery as a part-time salesclerk at $1.10 an hour. The pay was poor but the bakery goods excellent! It was here that I met Gary Dale Gray, my future husband, when he came to meet a fellow worker of mine. We dated steadily for a couple of years. I worked at the bakery until our marriage on March 9, 1964. We had a short honeymoon spent in Springfield touring all the Lincoln sights.

Our first apartment was on the third floor of an apartment complex at 3057 N. Broadway in Chicago. The rent was seventy-five dollars a month and we furnished the apartment with everything except a stove and refrigerator which were there. At the time, we had a Austin-Healy sportscar which was traded for a more practical car, a Chevy Impala, upon the birth of our son Steven, June 19, 1964.

We then moved to two other apartments and lived in each a little over a year. Complaining landlords and the need for a play area for Steve were the main reasons for purchasing our first home at 5024 West Ohio St., Chicago. Gary worked for the Post Office and his place of work was only a short distance away. The home was bought for $12,500 and sold two and a half years later for $16,000. It was a green-sided frame one family residence. The front porch had a swing and inside were two adjoining living rooms, a bathroom, dining room, kitchen and enclosed porch. Two bedrooms, linen and storage closets were upstairs. A recreation room which we remodeled, utility room and storage areas completed the basement area. An average sized city yard and garage completed the property.

We enjoyed living close to our family and friends. Both of our families had get-to-gethers almost every week. We spent our vacations traveling to different parts of the U.S. visiting California, Arizona and the Ozarks during those Chicago-based years. Due to Steve's asthma and our desire to have our children grow up in the country we moved to Belvidere in Oct 1970, buying the frame sevenroom home that we now live in at 534 S. Main in the heart of Belvidere. Another child was added to our family, a daughter Carrie Ann, who was born on August 8, 1968.

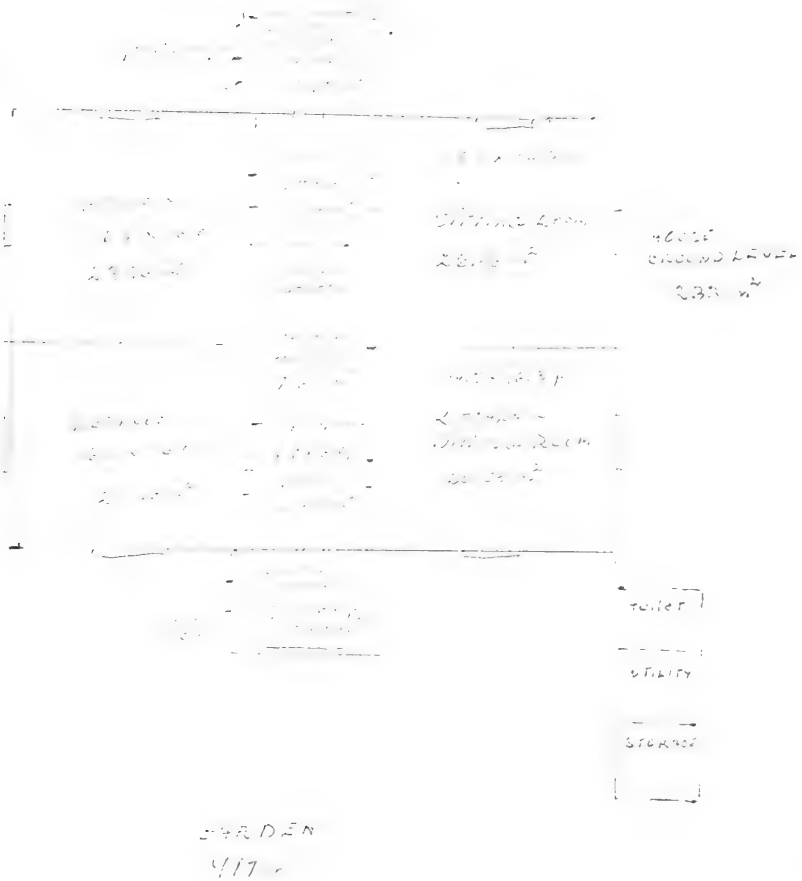
Gary transferred to the Post Office here and now works as a mail carrier. I worked for one and half years as a clerk at the local Ben Franklin Store (1971-73). Though Gary is Methodist our children are being raised as Roman Catholics. We are members of the St. James Friendship Club; I teach religion classes there on Tuesdays; I am a member and past president of the Belvidere Newcomers Club; Gary belongs to the Postal Union and we both support Cub Scout Activitis. We are also active in City government policies and have now finished a successful fight that lasted one year to save the median filled with trees that was to be removed from our block in the City's street Improvement program.

We enjoy camping with our family and have spent recent years visiting the Smokey Mts., Devils Lake,Wis., and several State Parks. We have a canoe and all enjoy fishing and hiking. We also have a goldfish and a sixty-five pound hunting dog, "Baron."

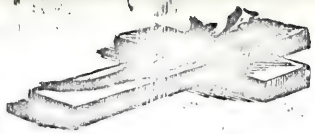
Steve is in the fifth frade and Carrie is in the first grade at Logan School where I am an officer in the PTA. I am presently enrolled as a part-time student at RVC continuing the college hours I have received to my credit from the Wright City College in Chicago. Iam also taking a pottery course from a local potter and enjoy playing bridge, reading and sewing. This history project has produced a wealth of information about my ancestors and helped me to understand the life of my relatives in Poland who I have never met.

As of Nov. 18th, I started working as Activities Director at Fairview Manor Retirement Home. My occupation deals with the various activities and exercises planned for sixty-four senior citizens. I'm looking forward to the job with great interest.

Anna Gray
11-25-74



My Mother's home in Jaroslaw, Poland



STANISŁAW ZELLMAN

emer. urzędnik Państw. i b. urzędnik Ubezp. Społecznej

po długich a ciężkich cierpieniach, zaopatrzony św. Sakramentami, zmarł w piątek dnia 13 sierpnia 1948 r., w 70 roku życia.

Pogrzeb odbędzie w niedzielę dnia 15 sierpnia br. o godz. 16-tej z domu żałoby przy ul. Na Blichu 22 na nowy cmentarz. Na ten smutny obrzęd zapraszają Krewnych, Przyjaciół i Znajomych

Żona, Dzieci i Wnuki.

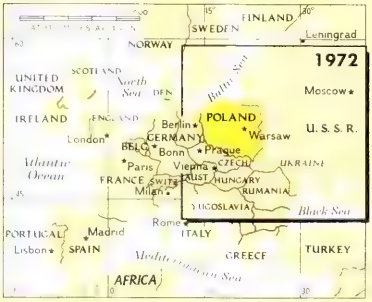
NABOŻEŃSTWO ŻAŁOBNE

za spokój duszy ś.p. Zmarłego odbędzie się w poniedziałek dnia 16 sierpnia br., o godz. 8-mej rano w kościele parafialnym.

Jarosław, dnia 14. VIII. 1948

Notice that was posted thru Jarosław telling of my Maternal Grand- father's death

HITLER'S JUGGERNAUT stormed into Poland from the north, west, and south on September 1, 1939, meeting fierce but futile resistance. Sixteen days later the Soviet Union—then a German ally—invaded from the east, and subsequently banished thousands of Poles to Siberia. By war's end, Russians and Poles had joined forces against Hitler; the Nazis had killed an estimated 6,000,000 Poles—half of them Jews; industry and agriculture lay devastated; and 2,000,000 Poles had been deported to Germany for forced labor.



Modern Poland, its present borders established by the Allied Powers, occupies approximately the same territory it did at its birth more than a millennium ago.

AREA: 120,664 square miles. **POPULATION:** 33,000,000. **CAPITAL:** Warsaw, population 1,300,000. **GOVERNMENT:** Actual power in the Polish People's Republic resides with the Politburo of the Polish United Workers' (Communist) Party; the elected 460-seat Sejm holds legislative authority. **ECONOMY:** Dominated by industry—steel; coal and copper mining. **RELIGION:** Predominantly Roman Catholic. **CURRENCY:** One złoty (100 groszy) equals 5 cents U. S. at the official rate, and half that much at the tourist rate.

Pleszew - Father's family Jaroslaw - Mother's side

Z WOJTASIÓW

WALERIA ZELMAN

Najukochańsza Matka i Babcia

po długich a ciężkich cierpieniach, zaopatrzona św. Sakramentami, zmarła dnia ~~28~~ 30 stycznia 1958, przeżywszy lat 74.

Pogrzeb odbędzie się dnia 1 lutego br. o godz. 15 z domu żałoby przy ul. Na Blichu 22 na nowy cmentarz.

Na ten smutny obrzęd Krewnych, Przyjaciół i Znajomych zapraszają w smutku pozostali

Dzieci, Wnuki i Rodzina

Nabożeństwo żałobne

za spokój duszy śp. Zmarłej odbędzie się dnia 3-go lutego 1958 r. o godz. 8-ej w kościele parafialnym

Jarosław, dnia 31. I. 1958 r.

P. D. Sp. Jarosław z. 292 31.1.57 n. 20 S-jw-14

Maternal Grandmother's Death Notice

Diocesis: Premisliensis — Generalgouvern

Decanatus: Jarosław — Nr. 1939/B — Palatinatus: Cracoviensis

Parochia: Jarosław — Districtus: Jarosław

Testimonium ortus et baptismi.

Officium parochiale rom. cathol. ecclessiae in Jarosław

praesentibus testatur in libro baptisatorum destinato pro Jarosław Głębockie

tom 71 pag. 14 num. ser. 4 sequentia reperiri:

Dies nativitatis 20 XII 1922 id est: dies vigesima

mensis Decembris anno Domini

millesimo nongentesimo vigesimo secundo

Locus nativitatis Jarosław nrus domus 54

Dies baptismi 14. I. 1923

Minister baptismi R D Dyszyński

Religio baptisati Romano-catholica

Nomen baptisati	Parentes eorum nomen, cognomen, parentes, religio, conditio, aetas	Patrini eorum nomen, cognomen, religio, conditio, habitatio	Adnotationes obstetrix, confirmatio mutatio status (ordo, matrim.) etc.
Joanna Josepha (bin)	Pater: Stanislaus Zelmann filius Jacobi et Catharinae Zdroń Mater: Valeria Wojtaś filia Thomae et Apoloniae Zagaj	Simon Kuszniesz Josepha Górska	
Sexus: femin.	Thorus: legit		Obst Engel

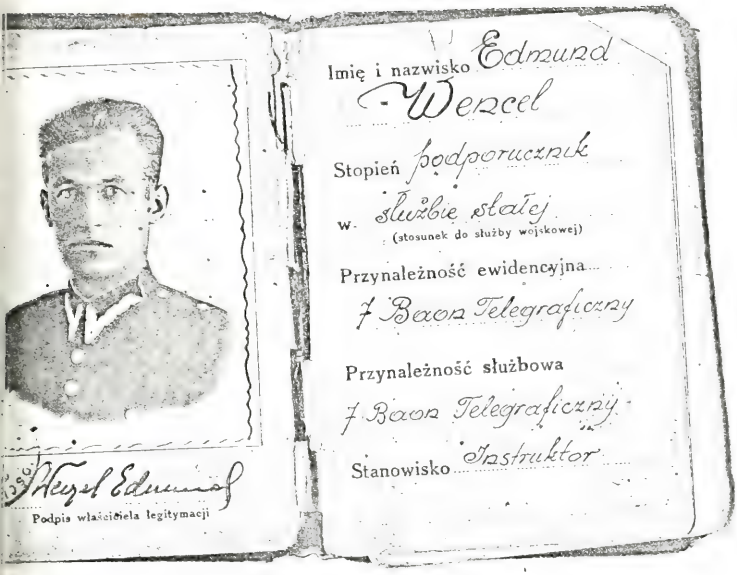
Quas testimoniales manu propria subscribo sigilloque parochiali corroboro.

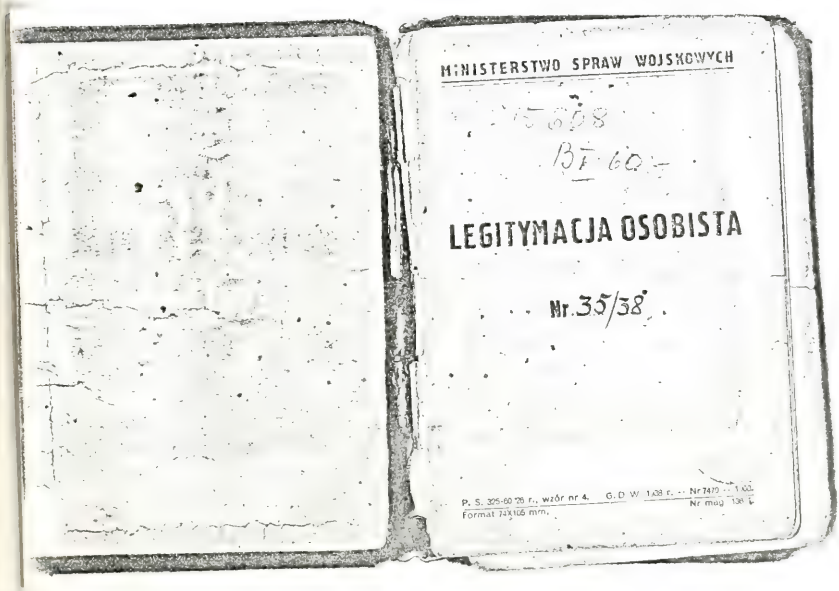
Jarosław, die 15 Maii A. D. 1943

[signature]

My Mother's Baptismal Certificate

Polska Druk. Spółdz. Jarosław, Plac Mickiewicza 3 027.42





Army papers stating my Father's standing as an instructor in Telegraphy Batt. following schooling at the Military School at Zegrze

Posiadane ordery i odznaczenia

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Miejsce i data wystawienia legitymacji Zegrze dn. 14 I. 1938

Ważna do dnia 31 grudnia 1938 r.

Z-ca Komendanta Centr. Wyszk. Łącz.

Podpis władzy

Najsarek Roman

Pieczęć

Przedłużam ważność niniejszej legitymacji do dn. 31 grudnia 1939 r.

Podpis władzy

Dowódca 7 Batalionu Telgr.

Kamka Stan.

Przedłużam ważność niniejszej legitymacji do dn. 31 grudnia 193 r.

Podpis władzy

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Pieczęć

Graduation from the school at Zegrze in 1939

Pułkownik KORYCKI Józef
Główny Mąż Zaufania Obozu Jeńców VII A
Hauptvertrauensmann im Oflag VII A

Liste Nr. 388

Zaświadczenie tożsamości osoby i stopnia wojskowego.
Militärausweis des polnischen Kriegsgefangenen

Nazwisko i Imię
Vor- u. Zuname: Wenzel Edmund

Stopień - Dienstgrad: Podporucznik

Kriegsgef. Nr. 15608 ur. 25.X.1913

Przydział pokojowy
Im Frieden zugeteilt: 7. B. Telegr.

Przydział wojenny
Im Kriege zugeteilt: [illegible]

Wydano na podstawie pisemnego oświadczenia wymienionego, potwierdzonego podpisami:

Auf Grund einer schriftlichen Erklärung - ausgegeben und durch die Unterschriften bestätigt: [illegible]

Oflag VII A, den 1 Sierpnia 1943
Murnau

Zast. gł. Męża Zaufania
Vertreter des Hauptvertrm.
[signature]
Pułkownik

Główny Mąż Zaufania
Hauptvertrm.
[signature]
Pułkownik

Wenzel
- Unterschrift

Richtigkeit
Unterschrift
estätigt

[illegible]
Ilbrunn
1. Lageroffz.

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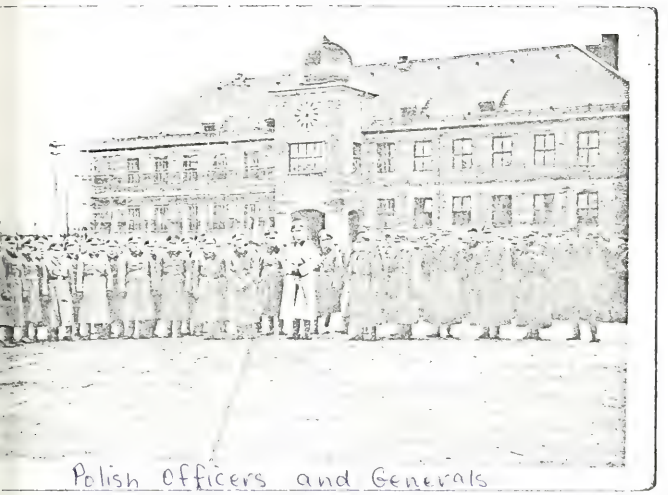
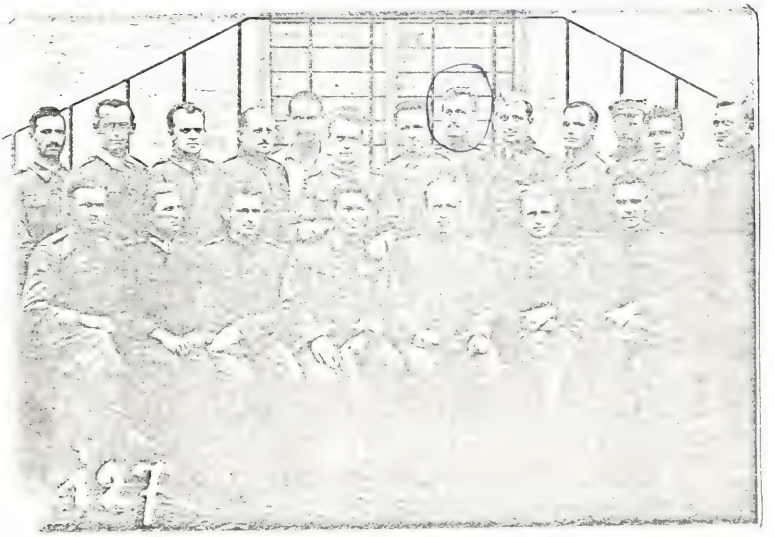
P.O.W. No 15608, Edmund Wenzel, when sent to Murnau, Bavaria to Oflag VII A



Polish Officers and Generals

Oflag VII A, P.O.W Camp in Murnau, Bavaria



My Father and some other officers

Activity area at Cflag VIIA — the different units took turns at physical activities since the area was small

Osoba poszukująca:

Nazwisko i imię:

Zawód:

Stosunek pokrewieństwa:

Adres:

Data: 19

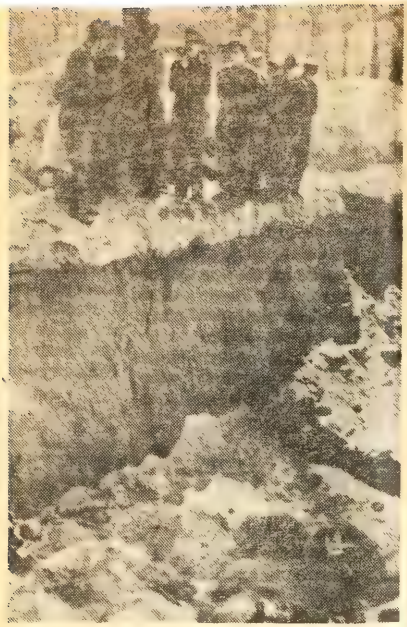
(podpis

Pisać czytelnie!

Searching for nephew Stanislaw Mielcarski, Father received this letter from Turkey saying the Mielcarski had been among the dead at Katyn, Russia

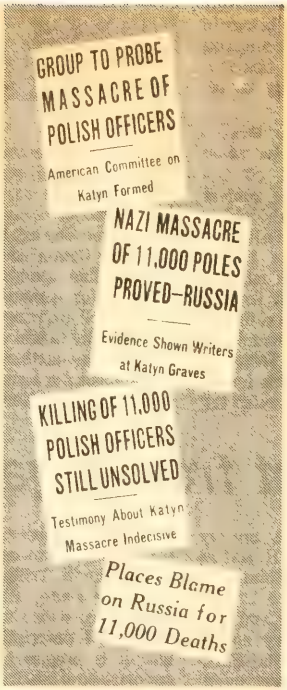
↑ He writes a brief autobiography on this page

Example of some of the pages in my father's diary



UPI Photo

German officers inspecting mass grave in Katyn forest.



GROUP TO PROBE MASSACRE OF POLISH OFFICERS

American Committee on Katyn Formed

NAZI MASSACRE OF 11,000 POLES PROVED—RUSSIA

Evidence Shown Writers at Katyn Graves

KILLING OF 11,000 POLISH OFFICERS STILL UNSOLVED

Testimony About Katyn Massacre Indecisive

Places Blame on Russia for 11,000 Deaths

Photo of Katyn massacre that accompanied a book review "A Night Never Ending" by Eugenjusz Komorowski, a survivor of the mass execution

Odpowiedź:

[illegible]

Data: [illegible] 19[illegible] r.

(podpis)

reverse of the notice received about Officer Mielcarski to my father in Oflag VII A - 1944

My father recorded the names of his parents and grandparents in his diary.

Duszpasterstwo Katolickie
olskiego Osrodka Wojskowego
w Murnau
(G. Bawaria)

Murnau dnia 14 sierpnia 1945.

Nr. 3810/130/Duszp.

Mother & Father's marriage license

Swiadectwo zaslubin

ksiedze zaslubin Duszpasterstwa Katolickiego P. O. W. w Murnau, str. 73 poz. 67

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Dnia 14 sierpnia slownie dnia czternastego sierpnia tysiac dziewiec-set czterdziestego piatego roku

Aug. 14, 1945

w kaplicy P. O. W. w Murnau zawarli zwiazek malzenski:

W E N Z E L Edmund, podporucznik sluzby stalej, syn: Hipolita i Franciszki Owczarskiej, urodzony dnia 25.X.1913.r. w Pleszewie pow.Jarocin, woj.Poznanskie, wyznania rzymsko-katolickiego, stanu wolnego, stale zamieszkaly w Poznaniu, 7 baon telegraficzny, ostatnio przebywajacy w O.P.O.Murnau

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Z E L M A N Janin Jozefa (bin) bez zawodu, corka: Stanislawa i Walerii Wojtas, urodzona dnia 20.XII.1922.r. w Jaroslawiu, pow.Jaroslaw, woj.Poznanskie, wyznania rzymsko-katolickiego, stanu wolnego, stale zamieszkala w Jaroslawiu, ul.Na Blichu 22, ostatnio przebywajaca w O.P.O.Murnau.

Swiadkami slubu byli: Wojtas Wladyslaw, ppor.rez.
Zellmann Stanislawa (siostra narzeczonej)

Powyzszy zwiazek malzenski poblogoslawil Ks.Kapelan Kirschke Tadeusz

SZEF DUSZPASTERSTWA:

Ks. Jerzy Szacki

Ks.Szacki Jerzy, Proboszcz WP.

~~Ks. Kaczarowski Henryk~~
~~Kapelan WP. kierownik duszpasterstwa~~

OBÓZ POLSKICH OFICERÓW POLISH OFFICERS

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OBÓZ POLSKICH OFICERÓW POLISH OFFICERS CAMP

№ 74711

...skie Siły Zbrojne
...ish Armed Forces

...EGITYMACJA
b. jeńca wojennego

...ENTITY-CARD
ex Prisoner of War

...708

Nazwisko / *Surname* WENZEL (drukiem—in capitals)

Imiona własne / *Christian Names* EDMUND, HELIODOR

Data i miejsce urodz. / *Date and place of birth* 25. X. 1913
PLESZEW, JAROCIN, POZNAŃ

Wyznanie / *Religion (option.)* RZYM.-KAT.

Stopień wojskowy / *Rank* PODPORUCZNIK

Pieczęć Of. Kont. / *Stamp Cont. Offic.*

Podpis Ofic. Kont. / *Signature Cont. Offic.*

Data / *Date* 20. V. 1945 r.

← June, 1945

Identity Card as Ex-P.O.W. of my father, Edmund Wenzel

← P.o.w. Number

Numer Jeniecki / *P.W. Number* 15608/VII/A

Wehrkreis VII.

Obóz Jeńcow Woj. / *P.W. Camp* MURNAU VII. A. (Miejsce i No.) (Place and No.)

Obóz pracy / *Labour Camp* (Miejsce i No.) (Place and No.)

Rodzaj i miejsce zatrudn. w czasie niewoli / *Place and occupation as P.W.*

Rocznik poborowy / *Conting.* (for conscr. pers.) 1934

Ostatni przydział wojsk. i specj. / *Peace establishment*
ARMIA GEN. PISKORA
DOWÓDCA PLUT. KOMP. ŁĄCZN.

Zawód w życiu cyw. / *Usual trade or profession* OFIC. SŁ. STAŁEJ

Jakie posiada dokumenty osob. / *Personal docum. in possession* LEGITYMACJA OSOB. Nr. 35/38 C.W. ŁĄCZN. ZEGRZE

← Military School Info.

Ile posiada gotówki i jakiej / *Amount and kind of currency in possession*

Nazwisko i adres najbliż. krewnych / *Name and address next of kin*
WENZEL FRANCISZKA
PLESZEW, POZNAŃ, KALISKA 14

Podpis b. jeńca Woj. / *Signature ex-P.W.* Wenzel Edmund

← Father's signature

Odcisk palca / *Finger print*

Uwagi / *Remarks*

Army Form W. 4056.

DISCHARGE OF ALIENS: IDENTITY CERTIFICATE.

This certificate will be issued to the soldier when he leaves the unit or hospital on discharge or on terminal, though pending discharge or on release from Army service.

A copy of this certificate will be despatched to the O. i/c Records concerned.

I hereby certify that the bearer, No. POLISH/8434 Rank 2/LT.

Full Name WENZEL E.H. Nationality Polish
(Block Capitals)

to the 411 BASIC UNIT P.R.C. is proceeding on 25.3.49
(Regiment or Corps) (Date)

from Oulton Park Camp n/Tarporley - Cheshire

to his home address at 4 LONGWORTH A. COPULL n/CHORLEY - LANC'S ← address of 1st home
(Full Postal Address)

†Strike out whichever is inapplicable.
- on leave pending his discharge from the Army.
- on his discharge from the Army.
- on relegation to Class W or W(T) of the Reserve.
- on/leave pending transfer/transfer/to/Class Z or Z(T) of the Reserve.

RELINQUISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

He has been instructed to report to the police on his arrival in COPULL n/CHORLEY

His Police Registration Book, if held by the O. i/c Records concerned, will be sent to him within the course of the next few days.

Signature [signature] O.C. 411 Basic Unit P.R.C.
Officer Commanding/Military Registrar.

Station Oulton Park Camp

Date 24 March 1949

UIT STAMP.

(32291) Wt.34955/1131 19,000 10/46 A.& E.W.Ltd. Gp.698
(32770) Wt.38800/1457 125,000 12/46 " "

Discharge from Army to that of British civilian.

11 BATALION ŁĄCZNOŚCI

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TYMCZASOWY

DOWÓD TOŻSAMOŚCI

Nazwisko WENZEL EDMUND

Narodowość POLSKA

Wiek LAT 33

Stopień PODPORUCZNIK

Wzrost 176 cm

Kolor oczu SZARE

Kolor włosów BLOND

Zaświadczenie niniejsze jest ważne do czasu wydania Legitymacji oficerskiej

Miejsce wydania Angle Airfield

Data 25 listopada 1946

Wenzel Edmund

podpis posiadacza

DCA 11 B ŁĄCZN.
Dowódca Batalionu
O. C. 11 POL. CORPS SIGS

ŁYSAK E. PPLK

11 POL. CORPS SIGNALS

WAŻNY DO DN. 31 STYCZNIA 1947 r.
VALID UNTIL 31 JAN. 1947

TEMPORARY

IDENTIFICATION CARD

Name WENZEL EDMUND

Nationality POLISH

Age 33 years

Rank 2/LT.

Height 176 cm

Colour of Eyes GREY

Colour of Hair FAIR

This Card is valid until Officers Identification Card will be issued.

Place of issue Angle Airfield

Date 25 Nov. 1946

Wenzel Edmund

Signature of holder

DCA 11 B ŁĄCZN.
O. C. 11 POL. CORPS SIGS

ŁYSAK E. PPLK

Identification card
from Angle Airfield
Nov. 25, 1946

excerpt from Polish paper in England mentioning my Father's work in Polish movements 1950's

POLACY W. BRYTANII

(Od własnych korespondentów)

STARANIEM KOŁA S. P. K. w Chorley odbyła się 24 sierpnia b.r. akademia poświęcona 32 rocznicy zwycięstwa odniesionego przez oręż Polski przed bramami Warszawy. Na program złożyły się: słowo wstępne kol. E. Wenzla, referat kol. L. Majewskiego, deklamacja Lesia Duka, recytacja „Jestem Polakiem" i śpiew w wykonaniu kol. K. Warmbiera.

W czasie przerw akademii zebrani słuchali muzyki polskiej z płyt. Po odczytaniu apelu Związku Inwalidów, przystąpiono do zakupu znaczków wydanych przez Związek. Sprzedaż dała w wyniku £2.6.6. Na zakończenie akademii zebrani odśpiewali Hymn Narodowy.

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Własnoręczny podpis

Przynależność służbowa i zmiany		
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L. 175/46

OKAZICIEL NINIEJSZEGO POZWOLENIA

Nr. ewid. 389/III

Stopień ppor.

Nazwisko WENZEL

Imię Edmund

Data urodzenia 25. 10. 1913

Miejsce urodzenia —

Województwo —

UZYSKAŁ POZWOLENIE NA PROWADZENIE WOJSKOWYCH SAMOCHODÓW OSOBOWYCH, CIĘŻAROWYCH, ~~CIĄGNIKÓW~~, ~~POJAZDÓW GĄSIENICOWYCH~~, ~~MOTOCYKLI~~

Podstawa Egz. Sprawdz. II-go Bazar [illegible]

M. p. dnia [illegible] 1946

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Podpis wystawiającego

[illegible] PPLK

Father's drivers license – June 26, 1946

TELEPHONE BLACKFRIARS 5811

LAWRENCE HARRIS.
SOLICITOR.

11, Albert Square,
Manchester, 2.

13th March, 1953.

Dear Sir or Madam,

re: Your liability for proportion of Road Charges at Spendmore - Avenue Crumpsall -

The deed of Underlease of the property No. 15 Spendmore Avenue contains covenants by you or your predecessor in title with Mr. J.L. France the Vendor as set out on the enclosed slip and in addition there is a further proviso that on breach or failure to perform any of the said covenants the Vendor may re-enter and forfeit the Underlease.

You will have received from the Local Authority the bill for the roadwork referred to in Clause (IV) (a) on the enclosed slip but this still leaves the bill for the roadwork referred to in clause (IV) (b) to be paid by you.

Mr. France has received a demand from the Local Authority for the roadwork in Clause (IV) (b) amounting to £305. 19. 11. together with interest thereon and your 1/23 share amounts to £14. 2. 0. In compliance with your covenant I must ask you to let me have your remittance for this sum within the next 7 days. In default of payment by you my client will reluctantly be compelled to commence proceedings for the recovery thereof and/or to exercise his rights of re-entry and forfeiture referred to above.

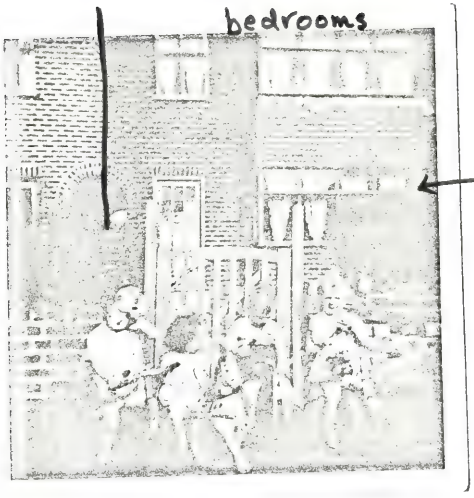
If you wish to pay this sum by weekly instalments of say £1. per week and will notify me to this effect I will arrange with Messrs. Leo. B. Wallwork & Co. Solicitors, 16, St. Thomas's Road, Chorley to receive these payments and you may also inspect the Plan at their offices.

A similar letter to this has been sent to all the other Purchasers who have not yet paid their contribution.

Yours faithfully,

Lawrence Harris

Copy of paper regarding improvements for my parents home at 15 Spendmore Ave, Coppull, England



Our home at 15 Spendmore Ave,
Coppull, England 1948 - 56

reverse side of 1956 passport – able to visit all countries but Poland

1. This document is valid for the following countries :
Ce titre est délivré pour les pays suivants :

ALL COUNTRIES

except Poland

2. Document or documents on the basis of which the present document is issued :
Document ou documents sur la base duquel ou desquels le présent titre est délivré :

.....

Issued at / Délivré à } **LONDON**

Date .....

Signature and stamp of authority issuing the document
Signature et cachet de l'autorité qui délivré le titre

CHIEF PASSPORT & IMMIGRATION BRANCH
13 NOV 1955
HOME OFFICE

VA

Fee paid : / Taxe perçue : 7s. 6d.

for H.M. Chief Inspector

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EXTENSION OR RENEWAL OF VALIDITY — **PROROGATION DE VALIDITÉ**

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Place and date of birth / Lieu et date de naissance

Occupation / Profession

Present residence / Résidence actuelle

*Maiden name and forename(s) of wife / Nom (avant le mariage) et prénom(s) de l'épouse

*Name and forename(s) of husband / Nom et prénom(s) du mari

DESCRIPTION — SIGNALEMENT

Height / Taille

Hair / Cheveux

Colour of eyes / Couleur des yeux

Nose / Nez

Shape of face / Forme du visage

Complexion / Teint

Special peculiarities / Signes particuliers

CHILDREN — ENFANTS

Name / Nom	Forename(s) / Prenom(s)	Place and date of birth / Lieu et date de naissance	Sex / Sexe
WENZEL	[illegible] M.	[illegible] 16.6.46	F
"	[illegible]	[illegible] 4.9.48	F
"	[illegible]	[illegible] 11.9.53	F

*Strike out whichever does not apply.
*Biffer la mention inutile.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF HOLDER AND STAMP OF ISSUING AUTHORITY
PHOTOGRAPHIE DU TITULAIRE ET CACHET DE L'AUTORITE QUI DELIVRE LE TITRE

FINGER-PRINTS OF HOLDER
(if required)
EMPREINTES DIGITALES DU TITULAIRE

*Strike out whichever does not apply. *Biffer la mention inutile.

Signature of Holder—Signature du Titulaire.

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My Father's passport for his emigration to the U.S. in 1956.

SCHEDULE A

NO.	DATE OF POLICY	AMOUNT OF POLICY
51-06-863	June 5, 1961	$5,500.00

1. The party insured by this policy.

** EDMUND WENZEL AND JANINA WENZEL, HIS WIFE **

and the additional persons included in the term "party insured" as defined in the conditions herein set forth.

2. The title, estate or interest insured by this policy.

FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN JOINT TENANCY

3. Description of the real estate with respect to which this policy is issued.

Permanent Tax No. 17-05-109-010 (tract)

The North 12 feet of Lot 6 and the South 15 feet of Lot 3 in Cleavers Subdivision of Block 7 in Canal Trustee's Subdivision in the West half of Section 5, Township 39 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois.**

SCHEDULE B

Showing defects, liens, incumbrances and other matters excepted from this policy and against which this Company does not insure.

Special Exceptions.

1. Trust Deed dated May 3, 1961 and recorded May 15, 1961 as document 18161063, made by Edmund Wenzel and Janina Wenzel, his wife to Chicago Title and Trust Company, an Illinois Corporation, to secure a note for $4,500.00 with interest payable as therein stated, and the covenants, agreements, and conditions therein contained.

2. Taxes for the years 1960 and 1961.

Description of their 1st home in America, 1456 N. Cleaver where Mother still resides.

ORIGINAL
TO BE GIVEN TO
THE PERSON NATURALIZED

No. 8222031

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Petition No. 426044

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization: Date of birth December 20, 1922; sex female; complexion fair; color of eyes blue; color of hair brown; height 5 feet 4 inches; weight 148 pounds; visible distinctive marks scar on right eyebrow; Marital status married; former nationality Poland.

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

Sign here

Janina Josepha Wenzel
(Complete and true signature of holder)

Janina Josepha Wenzel

Seal

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS } ss:

Be it known, that at a term of the District Court of The United States held pursuant to law at Chicago on July 16, 1963 the Court having found that JANINA JOSEPHA WENZEL then residing at 1456 North Claaver Street, Chicago, Illinois intends to reside permanently in the United States (when so required by the Naturalization Laws of the United States), had in all other respects complied with the applicable provisions of such naturalization laws, and was entitled to be admitted to citizenship, the court upon ordered that such person be and (she was) admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this 16th day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-three and of our Independence the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.
Clerk of the U. S. District Court.
By Beverly V. Peters Deputy Clerk.

It is a violation of the U. S. Code (and punishable as such) to copy, print, photograph, or otherwise illegally use this certificate.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

No. 9304220

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Petition No. 469924

Alien Registration No. 10 458 763

·ORIGINAL·

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization: Date of birth October 25, 1913; sex male; complexion fair; color of eyes blue; color of hair dk.blond; height 5 feet 9 inches; weight 205 pounds; visible distinctive marks none

Marital status married; Country of former nationality Poland

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

Edmund Helio-dor Wenzel

(Complete and true signature of holder)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS } ss:

Be it known, that at a term of the District Court of The United States held pursuant to law at Chicago on December 30, 1969 the Court having found that EDMUND HELIODOR WENZEL then residing at 1456 N. Cleaver St., Chicago, Illinois 60622 intends to reside permanently in the United States (when so required by the Naturalization Laws of the United States), had in all other respects complied with the applicable provisions of such naturalization laws, and was entitled to be admitted to citizenship, thereupon ordered that such person be and (she) was admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this 30 day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

Seal

ELBERT A. WAGNER, JR.

Clerk of the U. S. District Court.

By Charlene Lewstone Deputy Clerk.

IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE U. S. CODE (AND PUNISHABLE AS SUCH) TO COPY, PRINT, PHOTOGRAPH, OR OTHERWISE ILLEGALLY USE THIS CERTIFICATE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

My Father's Passport for his trip to Poland in 1970.

EDMUND H. WENZEL

BIRTH DATE: OCT. 25, 1913	BIRTHPLACE: POLAND
HEIGHT: 5 FEET 9 INCHES	HAIR: BROWN / EYES: BLUE
WIFE: X X X	ISSUE DATE: JUNE 17, 1970
MINORS: X X X	EXPIRATION DATE: JUNE 16, 1975

Edmund H. Wenzel

SIGNATURE OF BEARER

→ IMPORTANT: THIS PASSPORT IS NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED BY THE BEARER.

Edmund H. Wenzel

IMM. & NATZ. SERVICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 22
ADMITTED
AUG X 7 1970
CLASS
TO

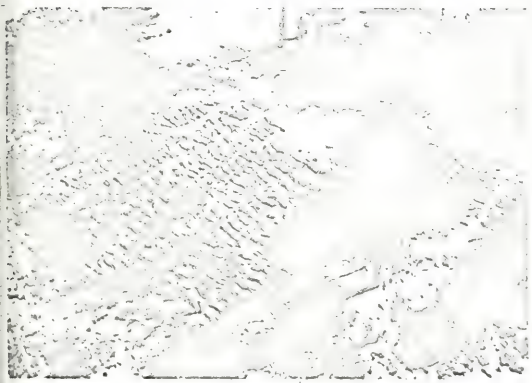
Today...

Poland today -- as a result of Yalta and Teheran treaties -- is under the domination of Russia and Communism. It was at Yalta and Teheran that Poland lost one-third of its territory which was annexed to Russia.

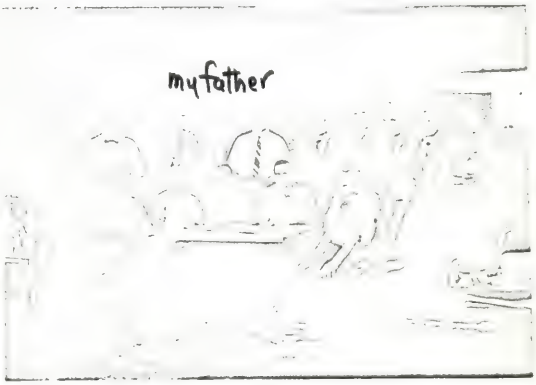
The Polish soldiers could not return after World War II to their beloved homeland and had to migrate to many countries all over the world.

The majority of them found exile in England, U.S.A., Canada and Australia. England, Canada, France, New Zealand, Australia -- recognized Veteran privileges to the Polish soldiers. However, the U.S.A. forgot to recognize them for Veteran privileges. All of them love their adopted Motherland, where freedom and liberty abides, and with great pride pledged allegiance and became citizens of the U.S.A.

For all the glory in battle and for Poland's loyalty as an ally, all that remained was no return, cemeteries in many a land, many a Katyn, as well as invalids, widows and orphans.



KATYN MASSACRE



POLISH VETERANS' SHELTER

We marched together as Comrades in Arms!
We fought for the same ideals -- freedom and liberty for all!

Father was active in the Veteran movement

SUPPORT THE POLISH VETERANS

VOTE „YES"

-ROSSES

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REGISTRA DISTRICT

REGISTERED NUMBER 16.10

STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE FILE NUMBER 634153

CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF D TH

DECEASED—NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)	SEX	DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
1. Edmund Wenzel	2. Male	3. December 20-1973

RACE (WHITE, NEGRO, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC. (SPECIFY))	AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YRS)	UNDER 1 YEAR: MOS / DAYS	UNDER 1 DAY: HOURS / MIN	DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	PLACE OF DEATH (COUNTY)
4. White	5a. 60	5b.	5c.	6. 10-25-1913	7a. Cook

CITY, TOWN, TWP OR ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER	INSIDE CITY (YES/NO)	HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER)
7b. Chicago	7c. Yes	7d. D.O.A. St. Elizabeth

BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY	MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY)	NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE (MAIDEN NAME, IF WIFE)
8. Poland	9. U.S.A.	10. Married	11. Joanna Zellmann

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	USUAL OCCUPATION	KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	U.S. WAR VETERAN (YES/NO)	WAR OR DATES OF SERVICE
12. 355-32-3608	13a. Welder	13b. F.J. Littell	13c. No	13d. None

RESIDENCE: STATE	COUNTY	CITY, TOWN, TWP OR ROAD DISTRICT NO	INSIDE CITY (YES/NO)	STREET AND NUMBER
14a. Illinois	14b. Cook	14c. Chicago	14d. Yes	14e. 1456 N. Cleaver

FATHER—NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)	MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)
15. Hipolite Wenzel	16. Franciszka Owczarska

INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE	RELATIONSHIP	MAILING ADDRESS (STREET AND NO. OR R. F. D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)
17a. ▶ Joanne J. Wenzel	17b. Wife	17c. 1456 N. Cleaver Chicago, Ill.

18. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))

PART I. IMMEDIATE CAUSE	APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
(a) Organic Heart Disease	
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF	
(b)	
DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF	
(c)	

CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a)

AUTOPSY (YES/NO)	IF YES, WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH
19a. No	19b.

ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE OR UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY)	DATE OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	HOUR	HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY MENTIONED IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 18)
20a.	20b.	20c. M.	20d.

INJURY AT WORK (YES/NO)	PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BUILDING, ETC. (SPECIFY)	LOCATION (CITY, VIL. OR TOWN; OR TWP OR RD. DIST. NO., COUNTY, STATE)
20e	20f	20g.

21a. I CERTIFY THAT IN MY OPINION, BASED UPON MY INVESTIGATION AND/OR THE INQUISITION, THIS DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE, AT THE PLACE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED, AND THAT - - -

THE DECEDENT WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 21b. 12 20 73 AT 21c. 8:30 A M.

CORONER'S SIGNATURE: 22a. ▶ Andrew J Tomore M.D. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 22b. 12-20-73

CORONER'S PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE: 23a ▶ Richard Cohen M.D. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 23b. 12-20-73

BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY)	CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME	LOCATION (CITY OR TOWN, STATE)	DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
24a. Burial	24b. Maryhill	24c. Niles, Illinois	24d. 12-22-73

FUNERAL HOME: 25a. NAME: Malec Funeral Home; STREET AND NUMBER OR R. F. D.: 834 N. Ashland Avenue; CITY OR TOWN: Chicago; STATE: Illinois; ZIP: 22

FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 25b. ▶ Allen B. Malec FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER: 25c. # 6936

LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE: 26a. ▶ Murray C. Brown DATE REC'D. BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 26b. DEC 21 1973

PRINTED ON 1968 U. S. STANDARD CERTIFICATE

Januar 3, 1974

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK } SS
CITY OF CHICAGO

I, Murray C. Brown, M.D., Local Registrar of Vital Statistics of the City of Chicago, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of births, stillbirths and deaths of the City of Chicago by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois and the ordinances of the City of Chicago; that the accompanying certificate on this sheet is a true copy as a record kept by me in pursuance of said laws and ordinances.

This Certified Copy VALID Only When Original BLUE SEAL And BLUE SIGNATURE Are Affixed.

BOARD OF HEALTH—CITY OF CHICAGO

My Father's death

GRIFFETH, BARBARA JEAN WEST, 1942-

LEASE TYPE: PLEASE PLACE THESE SHEETS AT THE FRONT OF THE SECOND COPY OF YOUR AMILY HISTORY.

ear Contributor to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection:

So that your family history can be made more useful to historians and thers studying American families, we are asking you to fill out the forms elow. This will take you only a few minutes, and will be easily made over nto an index which will permit archive users ready access to just those inds of family histories needed.

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Date of form [illegible] (ID # [illegible])

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

____ Before 1750 ✓ 1750-1800 ____ 1800-1850
____ 1850-1900 ____ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

✓ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ____ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J. Va.) ✓ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ✓ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky.) ✓ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) ✓ East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.) ____ Pacific (Cal., Wash.) ✓ (Hawaii, Alaska) ✓ (Ill., Wisc.,) [illegible]

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

✓ Farming ____ Mining ✓ Shopkeeping or small business
✓ Transportation ____ Big Business ✓ Manufacturing
✓ Professions ✓ Industrial Labor ✓ Other [illegible]

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

✓ Roman Catholic ____ Jewish ____ Presbyterian ✓ Methodist
____ Baptist ____ Episcopalian ____ Congregational ✓ Lutheran
____ Quaker ____ Mormon ✓ Other Protestant ____ Other (name)

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

____ Swedish ____ Other Scandinavian ✓ German ____ French
____ Blacks ____ Indians ____ Mexicans ____ Puerto Ricans ____ Eastern Europ
____ Jews ____ Central Europeans ____ Italians ____ Slavs
✓ Irish ✓ British ✓ Native Americans over several generations
____ East Asian ✓ Other (Name) Welsh

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

✓ Interviews with other family members ✓ Family Bibles ✓ Family Genealogies
____ Land Records ____ The U.S. Census
____ Vital Records
✓ Photographs ✓ Maps ____ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education(number of years);
grade school ____ high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years):
grade school ____ high school ____ vocational ____
college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ date_____

B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years):
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name [illegible] Current Residence [illegible]

Date of birth [illegible] Place of birth [illegible]

Date of death [illegible] Place of burial [illegible]

Education (number of years):

grade school [illegible] high school [illegible] vocational [illegible] college [illegible]

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st [illegible] Dates [illegible] 1st [illegible] Dates [illegible]

2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible]

3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible]

4th [illegible] Dates [illegible] 4th [illegible] Dates [illegible]

Religion [illegible]

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

[illegible]

Place of marriage to your grandmother [illegible] date [illegible]

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name [illegible] Current Residence [illegible]

Date of birth [illegible] Place of birth [illegible]

Date of death [illegible] Place of burial [illegible]

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school [illegible] vocational [illegible] college [illegible]

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st [illegible] Dates [illegible] 1st [illegible] Dates [illegible]

2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible]

3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible]

4th [illegible] Dates [illegible] 4th [illegible] Dates [illegible]

Religion [illegible]

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. [illegible]

[illegible]

Place of marriage to your grandfather [illegible] Date [illegible]

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-1)

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)

grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ Date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)

grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

2. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

2. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

3. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

4. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

5. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

6. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

7. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

8. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

9. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

10. Name_____
Place of birth_____date_____
Number of years of schooling_____Occupation_____
Residence_____Marital Status_____
Number of children_____death_____

Your Father

Name _____ Current Residence _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of Death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd General Motors Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ date _____

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name _____ Current Residence _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ highschool _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-2 Stepfather

Name _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates ____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates ____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates ____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates ____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates ___

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates ___

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates ___

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates ___

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2,F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

. Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation
Residence Shelby, Ohio Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Date

GENEALOGY CHART

Born: [illegible] 1942
Married: [illegible]
Died:

Father
B [illegible]
M [illegible]
D

Mother
B December 26, 1921
D

Grandfather
B Aug. 21, 1892
M Oct. 9, 1917
D March 4, 1954

Grandmother
B Oct. 9, 1900
D

Grandfather
B July 2, 1872
M Oct. 26, 1917
D Nov. 12, 1938

Grandmother
B Feb. 28, 1895
D Feb. 25, 1950

B June 1851
M
D 1921

B Feb. 1863
D 1939

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? West
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? Thomas West
? ? West

Adam Schrader
? Vidar, Schrader

? Mitchell
? East, Mitchell

John B. Lewis
B Sept 10, 1804
D April 4, 1875
Julia Ann Bricker Lewis
B June 1809
D March 14, 1892

Main Sources of Information

Dale E. West age 37

Merle WEST age 72

William WEST age 79

Emily WEST, BEDSON age 77

Verne WEST, MALLOTT age 75

Grant WEST Age 45

RAY WEST Age 79

Virla Viola RUSH, WEST age 70

RUSH Family Bible 1800-1976

WEST Family Bible

A. Paternal Great Great Great Grandfather

Thomas WEST.

We know that the WEST family originated from the country of Wales. And they probably were in America when the thirteen states declared their indpendence from England in 1776.

Thomas was a professional violinist. He also bred and raised race horses. He began an enterprise called Randal Race Track in Cleveland, Ohio, and he maintained it the rest of his life.

B. Paternal Great Great Great Grandmother

_____ WEST.

First name of Great Great, Great Gradmother and other information is not known.

C. Paternal Great Great Grandfather and Paternal Great Great Grandmother.

_____ WEST and _____ WEST.

These two people remain nameless to me as of the time of this writing. But I do know that they were well established in the area of Brecksville, Ohio and bore a son, George WEST, my great grandfather. My great great grandfather WEST owned and ran a canal boat business all his life. This boat hauled freight up and down the Omohona Canal near Cleveland, Ohio.

George grew up in Brecksville, Ohio where he met and courted Mary SHRADER for several years before they finally married. George inherited the business when his father died, but he and Mary had visions of their own. He and Mary got married. He sold the

canal business and then joined Mary's father in his business. George had three brothers: Aaron WEST, Saf WEST (professional violinist) and Jerome WEST.

D. Paternal Great Great Grandfather and Paternal Great Great Grandmother

Adam SHRADER and _____ VIEDER, SHRADER.

Adam SHRADER and his wife (her first name not known) and two children came from Hamberg, Germany in a sail boat. Both of the children died at sea. The SHRADER's had decided early in their life together to work for the goal of coming to America and had saved money toward that prupose. Upon landing here in America they started across the country and decided upon settling in a place called Brecksville, Ohio near Cleveland, Ohio.

Adam and his wife were of the German Catholic faith and they attended church all their life.

They had four more children born in the new land of America: John SHRADER, L[illegible] SHRADER and Mary SHRADER, WEST. Mary became my great grandmother.

Adam worked as a stone mason in a stone quarry all the rest of his life. As his daughter Mary became old enough she worked for a Jewish family aiding in household duties and contributing the profits to her own family.

E. Paternal Great Grandfather and Paternal Great Grandmother

George WEST and Mary SHRADER, WEST

George was born in June 1851 and died in the fall of 1921 at age seventy. Mary SHRADER, WEST was born in February 1863 and died in the winter of 1939 at the age of seventy-six.

These two seem to possess a bit of the pioneer spirit. They worked and saved for the dream of a Nebraska farm. Their dream came true in Touie, Nebraska in the year of 1882. They farmed the land and brought forth fourteen children, too. The names of the fourteen children are: Emily WEST, BEDSON, John WEST, Grant WEST, Ray WEST, George WEST, Edward WEST, Lou WEST, Merel WEST, William WEST, Frank WEST, Joe WEST, Verne WEST, MALLOTT, Tisha WEST, STRETCH, Minnie WEST, PIKE.

Edward is my gra dfather who was born in 1892.

The George WEST's farmed in Touie, Nebraska for twenty-nine years. He farmed a lot of land and was described as a very prosperous farmer. The community of Touie was also described as [illegible] s.

Granddad drew pictures of his father as the absolute head of the family. Each child was to contribute to that family until they were twenty-one years old, and it was so. The children provided plenty of help at home, and excess in fact, and that excess contributed more to the family by working for other farmers and turning over the fruits of their labor.

In 1911 George and Mary decided to return to Ohio. The members which had married by then remained in Touie and the rest bought a farm in Mount Gilead, Ohio and proceeded there. Ray WEST, a son, still owns and operates this farm in a very moderan and well kept fashion.

F. Paternal Grandfather

Edward WEST.

Granddad I remember well. He was or is a very special and favorite person to me. He was born on August 21, 1892 in Touie, Nebraska. He attended school, by the two mile walk method, through

the eight grade, but he was a very intelligent man.

I remember him teaching my sister, who was valedictorian of her high school class of 19[illegible], her math and science classes because she couldn't grasp it from the teacher.

His early years were spent in farm work and for fun he loved the custom of the barn dances of his era. Music was a favorite love and the family were all crafty at making things for one another for Christmas and special days.

When Granddad's parents returned to Ohio he returned with them and worked on the new farm for a few years.

Edward returned to Nebraska for a vacation and because he had left a young lady there, Georgia Anna MITCHELL, my grandmother. They were married at this time. Edward's parents disapproved of this marriage chiefly because they felt Georgia was still too young.

G. Maternal Great Great Grandfather and Maternal Great Great Grandmother.

_____ MITCHELL.

It is known that he married a woman with the maiden name of EAST. The two of them owned and operated a hotel all their life in Valparaiso, Nebraska. They bore a son, Mathew MITCHELL. Mathew is my great grandfather. The MITCHELL family originated in the country of Ireland.

H. Paternal Great Grandfather and Paternal Great Grandmother

Mathew MITCHELL and _____ BURNELL, MITCHELL.

Mathew MITCHELL became the local blacksmith and this was his trade all his life. He married a woman by the maiden name of BURNELL. They had eight children with the names: James MITCHELL, Michael MITCHELL,

Earl MITCHELL, Patric MITCHELL, Mamie MITCHELL, Emma MITCHELL, Georgia Anna MITCHELL, Gertrude MITCHELL.

Great grandmother MITCHELL was very musical and an accomplished organist. She had never cut her hair and it hung to her knees, but her beautiful hair was a factor in her death. Mathew had cleaned his hands from a dirty job with kerosene and wiped them on a cloth by the stove. His wife grabbed it to wipe something from the hot stove and the keresene burst into flames and jumped into her hair and pure wool dress. She was taken to the hospital, but died a couple of days later. Michael and his wife lived their entire lives in Valparaiso, Nebraska.

H. Paternal Grandmother

Georgia Anna MITCHELL (Protestant and Republican)

Georgia was born on October 9, 1900 in Valparaiso, Nebraska. I had the chance to know my grandmother well, also. When she became old enough to work, she became a telephone operator until her marriage. Edward and Georgia were married on August 9, 1917. She attended public school through the eighth grade.

I. Paternal Grandfather and Paternal Grandmother.

Edward WEST and Georgia Anna MITCHELL, WEST (Protestant and Republican).

After their marriage, my grandfather and grandmother WEST came to Johnsville, Ohio where they began to farm. They farmed for a few years and during that time their first sone Dale (my father) was born on August 12, 1919.

They moved to Mount Gilead and Ed drove a truck for the state of Ohio. A daughter Maxine WEST, RUSH was born on January 1, 1922.

In a few years he had an opportunity for what seemed a better job. This took them to Marion, Ohio and his work at a lime plant. There son Robert WEST was born on March 24, 1924.

Once again they made a change to Galion, Ohio and granddad worked inan iron works. This time twins were born, Harold WEST and Garold WEST on December 19, 1926.

They had managed to save some money, but the great depression came into being and Georgia completely left the family and returned to Nebraska. Edward took the five children and went back to farming He farmed the rest of his life and brought up the five children alone.

My father never lived apart from his father until granddad's death on March 4, 1954. They farmed in partnership until his demise. Edward was able to leave some inheritance to all his children. This was important to him.

I was nearly thirteen when granddad died. I remember the day well. He had great strength and loved any competative event or chance at a game. (He loved baseball and enjoyed T.V.) On the evening of March 3, 1954 a terrific snow storm roared in and left three or four feet of snow in our lane. Dad and granddad did their morning chores, ate, and as it was a Saturday and mother's shopping day, the task was left to them to dig out the lane. The two decided on a your half and my half deal with a race to the end. Edward was sixty and it was a tie. Mother and dad went on to town and my sister and I stayed home with our grandfather. He was following a murder case in the paper that had been in the process for months. He read for quit a while and then ask the two of us to help him begin the chores. We did. He sent us to do a task

and told us we were to wait there until he came after us. It seemed a long time and we were getting very impatient when I heard my father calling for help. He had walded into the horse barn and found his father lying there. He was dead of a massive coronary thrombosis resulting from over exersion in the snow shoveling. I still can see him driving the tractor into the barn and the four men carrying him out to the hurse. I went to my mother.

Granddad was head of his family, too. But he was by a unanimous democratic vote of the family.

His funeral was large and perhaps the old gentleman who ran the funeral home said it best. Dad and I were back the day after the funeral to pay the funeral expenses and pick up belongings. The old man of eighty-plus said, "I wish to commend our family and to tell you that I obtained the feeling that I had missed something in not having known your father." Indeed he had and I'll pick up why when I come to my own life history.

I might add that the WEST family had yearly reunions every summer all through my childhood. There was always a Christmas gathering.

Georgia Anna MITCHELL, WEST did seek and get a divorce. She then married Albert COMBS in Nebraska and they returned to Ohio. They had one son, Charles Allan COMBS who was born on January 17, 1941 She left Albert also and got another divorce. Albert was really alone with no relatives but one niece. Grandfather WEST and his family sort of took Albert in and befriended him. He was our every Sunday dinner guest. Oddly enough, Edward and Albert were very good and close friends the rest of their lives.

Georgia Anna COMBS worked in a hospital for several years and finally bought and ran a resthome until she retired to Los Angeles, California where she is still living presently.

I remember grandmother especially in my junior high and high school years. She called me often to work for her in the resthome. She was a very generous person and I remember more than one time being outfitted from head to toe out of her generosity.

J. Father.

Dale Edward WEST.

Dad was born August 12, 1919 in Johnsville, Ohio. He said they visited aunts, uncles and grandparents often. Dale liked music and attended a lot of square dances and carnivals. He liked to play the guitar and sing, also. Dad tells of the whole family liking music with several being professional musicans. They also enjoyed many picnics and reunions. Dale completed school through the tanth grade. He took part in athletics and was seriously injured in the back and spine playing football. This took him out of school for some time and consequently he did not complete high school, but he had been a good student. He and my mohter, Verla Viola RUSH met in the junior high years and were finally married June 3, 1939. He was farming with his father at this time and continued farming until 1957.

J. Maternal Great Grandfather.

Samuel O'CONNER.

I do not have much information on this man. The family was from the area of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It is stated that the heritage is continual farmers and prosperious, going back for several generations. I do not know how many children he had, but Effie Jane O'CONNER was one daughter and my grandmother.

K. Maternal Grandmother.

Effie Jan O'CONNER, RUSH (Protestant and Republican).

Effie was born on February 2 , 1[illegible] in Ottumwa, Iowa. They made one move to Oskaloosa, Iowa. Effie met and married Frank RUSH. In Effie's early twentys she contracted polio, but survived. It was thought no children could be born of this marriage and they adopted my mother, Virla Viola RUSH. In a couple of years they did have one son, Roy Raymond RUSH. Upon marriage, the RUSH's moved to Mansfield, Ohio and lived there the rest of their lives. She died on February 2[illegible], 1950. She was a housewife all her life and was a very talented lady when it came to sewing and arts of the home.

L. Maternal Grandfather.

Frank RUSH (Protestant and Republican).

Frank was born on a farm in Mount Vernon, Ohio on April 2, 1872. He was a carpenter and also a good violinist plus he had done some farming for several years. Frank married and had three children when his first wife died, her name was Mary Elizabeth TURNER, RUSH who was born on August 30, 1878 and married on March 28, 1900. He raised the three children and in his mid-fourties he married Effie Jan O'CONNER on September 20, 1917. His three children were: Florence Bell RUSH born on June 15, 1901, Lenna Margart RUSH born on November 18, 1902, and Ralph Theodore RUSH born on December 6, 1904. My mother was adopted by the RUSH's after Effie survived a severe bout with polio which left her crippled and walking only with crutches the rest of her life.

Frank and Effie's son Roy Raymond RUSH was born on November 29,

1923 and he died at the age of thirty in a tragic accident. Roy climbed down in a well to clean it out. The well was filled with poison gases. He was overcome and drowned. He had married my dad's only sister Maxeene WEST in 1940 and they had one daughter Linda RUSH born January 1952. Linda is now married to Herbert OBLEY and they are expecting their first child.

Frank retired at the age of sixty-two and died on November 16, 1938. We have found no information on Frank's parents.

M. Mother.

Virla Viola RUSH WEST.

My mother was born on December 26, 1921 in Burlington, Iowa. She was adopted as a few days old infant to the Frank RUSH's. Her education was to the ninth grade. She was a very good swimmer and life guarded before she was married. She also played the piano rather well. On her twenty-first birthday her authentic grandmother contacted her and wrote to her for a two year period. Her name at birth was Rosemary REED. She was a first child and her mother died in her childbirth. Her father was bitter and angry and would have nothing to do with the child nor allow any other relative to. The grandmother was upset because my mother and father were not Catholics, but Protestant. So after two years she stopped writing.

N. Father and Mother.

Dale and Virla WEST.

June 3, 1938 after their marriage they joined my grandfather in a partnership of farming and farmed until 1957.

My sister Carol Ann WEST, SHEPARD was born on December 21, 1940 and married on October 3, 1959 to Richard SHEPARD. They have one son,

Michael SHEPARD born on September 7, 1960. Richard works as a manager for a vending company and she works for an insurance agent and they live in Shelby, Ohio.

Barbara Jean WEST, GRIFFETH was born on May 9, 1942 and was married to Francis C. GRIFFETH on February 12, 1961. The GRIFFETH's were married in Anchorage, Alaska and we have two children, Brent Allan GRIFFETH born on November 24, 1966 and Jennifer Lynnelle GRIFFETH born on August 17, 1971. Francis is a Lutheran minister and Barbara is a housewife and student.

Betty Lou WEST BROCWELL was born on January 16, 1945. She married Michael J. BROCWELL on September 30, 1964. They have two children, Mark Michael BROCWELL born on April 4, 1966 and Grant David BROCWELL born on September 6, 1971. Mike works as a sand blaster and Betty is mainly a housewife, but works as a secretary from time to time.

Larry Edward WEST was born on April 21, 1947 and married Janet FACKLER, WEST on July 8, 1967. They have three children, Larry Junior born on May 4, 1969, Rochelle WEST born on August 13, 1971, and Jill Marie WEST born on August 12, 1974. Larry farms in a partnership with his father-in-law and works in a factory, also. Janet is a housewife.

Kenneth Dale WEST was born on October 30, 1949 and married Carol VAN HOUTEN, WEST on November 24, 1969. They have one child, Andrea WEST born on March 13, 1974. Kenneth attended college and then entered the Navy for four years and Carol is a housewife and an artist favoring animals.

In 1947 when my father sold out the farm, he went to work for

General Motors where he has worked for the last eighteen years in various capacities. In 1970 my mother went to work in a department store and is still there. Up until that time she had been a homsewife.

About two years ago they moved out of the big house and bought a mobile home in a modern park. They also have a vacation home up in a woods. The fi e kids all graduated from high school with some going on to college. They participated in scouts, 4-H, and sports. We visited relatives a lot, reunions, and family holiday parties. We all enjoyed movies.

Dad comments that they had T.V. when it first came out, a rafio when they were first married and a car from the beginning of his memory. A Model T Ford. The roads were mud and could only be traveled when frozen or dry. Later they progressed to gravel. His school years ere one room schools with eight grades in one room. Towns for high school with more rooms and larger schools. People in the country grew all their own food and cured their own meat. There were free picture shows on Saturday night in town. Farm wages paid $15.00 a month and board. Grain prices were about $1.00 a bushel for corn, wehat $1.00 a bushel and $.30 for oats. A run-down farm of sixty or seventy acres could go for $1200.00. Good land sold for about $100.00 an acre. Factories paid only $.35 or $.40 an hour and sometimes less. City property could be bought for $1500.00 to $2000.00. Average rent was $15.00 to $20.00 a month.

A person could buy the best used cars for $250.00 and a pretty good used one for $50.00. Clothing was cheap. Work pants were $.[illegible] to $.98. Work shirts were $.39 to $.69. Work shoes were $1.50. Coats

were $3.00 and suits were $17.00 to $20.00.

Much of the work was done by hand, even in the factories.

Mother and dad remember the days before electrification became rural. They did farm chores by lantern, had kerosene lights, a battery radio, and a gasoline washing maching.

Dale speaks of the era he grew up in as an entirely different economy with a new economy beginning at World War II through the present.

My life.

Barbara Jean WEST, GRIFFITH.

I was born on May 9, 1942 in Mansfield, Ohio and grew up until 1957 on a farm. Then my parents moved to Shlby, Ohio in 1957 and I graduated from high school in 1960. The farm that I grew up on was about 400 acres. I remember building a log cabin on it one whole summer. I and my brothers and sisters. A nice creek ran through the farm and all of us spent hours there building rafts. The family picniced a lot. Dad and granddad were hunters and they use to take me with them a lot. All of us had fun in the hawmows and the grain bins. They were great places to hide. My mother surrounded the house with flowers and they had a big garden and fruit orchard with apples, pears, peaches, apricots, cheeries and walnuts. They had cows, harses, chickens, turkeys, pigs, dogs and cats. Two water springs flowed in the back part of the farm. Water never tasted so good. There was also a horse race track at the back of the property. As a Girl Scout, I and my troop built a camp in our woods and stayed a full week there. The farm was sold to The Ohio State University, Mansfield Branch and today it's a college campus.

In school I was in Girl Scouts, 4-H, Tri-Hi-Y, girls basketball, cheerleader, FHA, GAA, Annual Staff, school paper staff, chorus and

a tumbling team.

I am a Lutheran by faith and sing in the choir.

After I graduated I worked as a secretary for about a year and was married on February 18, 1961 to Francis J. GRIFFITH in Anchorage, Alaska at Central Lutheran Church.

Francis and I had dated for three and a half years. He was then in the Air Force. He spent eight years in the Air Force which took him to San Antonio, Texas; Biloxi, Mississippi; Boxton, Massachusetts; Anchorage, Alaska where we were married and The University of Georgia, R.O.T.C. in Athens, Georgia.

I worked for the government as a bookkeeper while in Alaska. We camped, fished and saw all of developed Alaska. We hunted with a camera and Francis hunted game, too. We sang in our church choir, were sponsors for the Luther League, members of the Federation and Fellowship. Francis was on the council and director of the stewardship drive. After four years in Anchorage, Alaska we drove the Alcan Highway and moved to Athens, Georgia.

In Athens, Georgia Francis worked at the University of Georgia in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. I was office manager for the W.T. Grant Company and we belonged to a Lutheran Church in America mission church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, sponsored Luther League, Francis was on the council, and I directed Vacation Bible School.

We left Athens, Georgia and the Air Force and moved to Northfield, Minnesota where Francis became a student at Saint Olaf College and I worked as a secretary. We attended Saint Peter's Lutheran Church

and on November 28, 1968 Brent Allen GRIFFETH was born. I then became a housewife. Francis graduated from Saint Olaft in 1970.

On August 17, 1971 Jennifer Lynnelle GRIFFETH was born and on September 1971 Francis entered Luther Theological Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. We lived on campus there. Francis was a youth director for Valley Community Presbyterian Church for two years. Then we moved to Cresco, Iowa for a one year internship after which we returned to the seminary for our final year. Francis also served a Wisconsin Lutheran Church as a student pastor during this year. Barbara was mainly a housewife these prior four years and took a few courses at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota and some at the seminary, also. Francis graduated from seminary in June 1975. We vacationed for three weeks and he was ordained in July 1975. We recieved and accepted a call to be pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Paynes Point (Rt 1, Oregon) Illinois. I am a full time student at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Illinois and housewife.

I want to reflect back a bit on my memories of my parents and grandparents.

Granddad, Edward WEST was really an exceptionally loving person. I remember seeing him most, kneeling in prayer, every night without fail. He firmly believed in the equality of every man, woman and child, and I emphasise every. Most of all he believed in a loving, merciful God. Our house was always full of people with problems wanting to talk to him and he responded. He lived by his beliefs.

My dad can be summed up by saying he was a very gentle and giving man. He was always doing tumbling and tricks with his children and lots of guitar singing.

My mother was firm with the rules and an excellent homemaker. She was warm, friendly, loving and always singing, too.

I'm convinced that I grew up in a very close family with a strong supportive background. My childhood was happy and I'm thankful for it all the heritage that come before it.

Francis's parents are Cleo GRIFFETH, an only child, and Vernice COLE, GRIFFETH, LUST, one of eight children. Cleo died on December 7, 1938. Barbara met him twice. Vernice COLE, GRIFFETH remarried Lloyd LUST in October 1970. Lloyd died in April 1975. Cleo and Vernice were both born in 1908. This family is being researched at the present time, also. Francis had three brothers, Richard GRIFFETH, James GRIFFETH and Eldon GRIFFETH.

Brent Allan GRIFFETH was born on November 23, 1965. He is really a neat little boy. He has always been very smiley and happy. He has loved being read to or reading by himself now that he is in first grade. Brent has been tap dancing since he was three and he is good. He has a favorite love of worms, bugs and snakes. He thinks living next door to the church is nice because of all the action but he gets tired of all those services he has to go to.

Jennifer Lynnelle GRIFFETH was born on August 17, 1971 and she is always happy. Whereever she goes or whatever she does she attracts people. Shebegan dancing at three and tumbling at four. She is always perpetual motion. Jenny also walked at seven and one half months and climbed everything in sight. Her favorite things are dolls, dress-up, and let's pretend.

I conclude by saying I enjoyed doing the project and plan to

keep working at it as it seems we had a few good record keepers in our family.

GUMMOW, BRADLEY LEE, 1956-

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1. Your name Bradley Lee Gummow
   Date of form 27, November 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ____ Before 1750 ____ 1750-1800 ____ 1800-1850
   ____ 1850-1900 X 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ____ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ____ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
   ____ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ____ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky
   ____ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) X East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind. Ill. Wis.)
   ____ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ____ (Hawaii, Alaska)
   ____ Plains (ND, SD, Neb., Kan., Iowa, Mo)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   X Farming ____ Mining X Shopkeeping or small business
   X Transportation X Big Business ____ Manufacturing
   ____ Professions X Industrial labor ____ Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   X Roman Catholic ____ Jewish X Presbyterian ____ Methodist
   ____ Baptist ____ Episcopalian ____ Congregational ____ Lutheran
   ____ Quaker ____ Mormon ____ Other Protestant ____ Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

   ____ Blacks ____ Indians ____ Mexicans ____ Puerto Ricans
   ____ Jews ____ Central Europeans ____ Italians ____ Slavs
   X Irish ____ British X Native Americans over several generations
   ____ East Asian ____ Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   X Interviews with other family members ____ Family Bibles X Family Genealogies
   ____ Vital Records ____ Land Records ____ The U.S. Census
   ____ Photographs ____ Maps ____ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Edward Allen Gummow Current Residence R.R. #1 Rockton, Illinois
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Rockton (Winnebago) Ill Date of Birth 15, July 1903

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 1

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Farming	Dates _____	1st Rockton, Ill., Rockton	Dates 1926 - 1941
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd Hwy. 75, Rockton	Dates 1946 - 1966
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd RR #1, Rockton	Dates present
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Court St. Methodist Church Rockford, Ill date 20, February 1926

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Daisy Geraldine HALL Current Residence RR #1 Rockton, Ill.
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Baraboo (Neenah) Wisconsin Date of birth 24, February 1907

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st housewife	Dates _____	1st _____	Dates _____
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather Court St Methodist Church DATE 20, February 1926

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Ralph ATKINSON Current Residence 1704 Terry Cotta Ave Crystal Lake, Ill

If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Crystal Lake, Ill. Date of birth 13, March, 1900

Education (number of years):

grade school 8 high school 2 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

				PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)			
1st	farming	Dates	1920 - 1935	1st	Love Rd., Rockton, Ill	Dates	1920 - 1940
2nd	engineering	Dates	1935 - 1946	2nd	601 Hayes, S. Beloit, Ill	Dates	1940 - 1946
3rd	self-employed	Dates	1946 - 1948	3rd	503 Hayes, S. Beloit	Dates	1946 - 1948
4th	engineering	Dates	1948 - retirement	4th	Crystal Lake, Ill.	Dates	1948 - present

Religion Roman Catholic

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother St Thomas, Beloit, Wisc. date 15 April 1920

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Katherine Leona FLANIGAN Current Residence 503 Hayes Ave S. Beloit

If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Adams Township, Adams, Wisc Date of birth 13 July 1903

Education (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 2 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

				PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)			
1st	housewife	Dates	1920 - 1970	1st	Love Rd., Rockton, Ill	Dates	1920 - 1940
2nd	Avon Sales	Dates	1970 - 1974	2nd	601 Hayes Ave S. Beloit	Dates	1940 - 1946
3rd		Dates		3rd	503 Hayes Ave S. Beloit	Dates	1946 - present

Religion Roman Catholic

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather St Thomas, Beloit, Wisc. date 15, April 1920

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Allen Edward Gummow
Place of birth Beloit, Wis date 7 December 1926
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation self-employed
Residence RR#1 Rockton, Ill Marital Status married
Number of children 4

2. Name Robert Duane Gummow
Place of birth Beloit, Wis date 1 February 1925
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation contractor
Residence RR#1 Rockton, Ill Marital Status married
Number of children none

3. Name Frederick Stanley Gummow
Place of birth Beloit, Wis date 15 December 1929
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation self-employed
Residence RR#1 Rockton, Ill Marital Status married
Number of children three

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name [illegible] Atkinson PRESTON
Place of birth Rockton, Ill date 24 December 1920
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation pot office
Residence 700 Blackhawk Blvd, Rockton Marital Status married
Number of children two

2. Name Mercedes Mae Atkinson JULIN
Place of birth Rockton, Ill date 24, May 1922
Number of years of schooling 17 Occupation teaching
Residence 307 Julian St. Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status widowed
Number of children one

3. Name Arthur James ATKINSON
Place of birth Rockton, Ill. date 9 July 1923
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation oil dwelling
Residence 3[illegible] [illegible] Ave New Orleans, La Marital Status divorced
Number of children one

4. Name [illegible] Ann Atkinson CHINAZZI
Place of birth So Beloit, Ill. date 27 February 1932
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation housewife
Residence [illegible] Dell Rd So. Beloit Marital Status married
Number of children three

5. Name Elizabeth [illegible] Atkinson GUMMOW
Place of birth Beloit, Wisc. date 17, October 1935
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation activity directo
Residence R R #1 Rockton, Ill Marital Status married
Number of children three

6. Name William Robert ATKINSON
Place of birth Beloit, Wisc date 9 July 1943
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation truck driver
Residence [illegible] Hayes Ave, So Beloit Marital Status single
Number of children none

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Frederick Stanley Gummow Current Residence R.R. #1 Rockton, Ill.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Beloit, Wisconsin Date of birth 15, December 1927
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Military Police Army U.S. Dates 1952 - 1956 1st Camp Crowder, Mo. Dates 1952 - 1956

2nd Farming Dates 1956 - 1960 2nd RR#1 Rockton, Ill. Dates [illegible]

3rd Self-employed Dates 1960 - present 3rd Rockton Rd., Rockton, Dates [illegible] present

4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Illinois Marketing Assn.

Place of marriage to your mother date 27, April 1954
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that date on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Elizabeth Cecillia Atkinson Gummow Current Residence R.R. #1 Rockton, Ill.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth Beloit, Wisc. Date of birth 17, October 1935
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Housewife Dates 1954 - 1972 1st Camp Crowder, Mo. Dates 1952 - 1956

2nd Activity Director Dates 1972 - present 2nd Rockton Rd., Rockton Dates 1962 - present

3rd Dates 3rd Dates

Religion Roman Catholic - Protestant
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your father date 27, April 1954
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that date on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) [illegible]

Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

Name Bradley Lee Cummins
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

Name Andrew John Cummins
Place of birth Rockford, Ill. Date of birth 29 June 1955
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation Student
Residence RR#1 Rockford, Ill. Marital status Single
Number of children [illegible]

Name
Place of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence
Number of children

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Place of birth
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Number of children

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Place of birth
Number of years of schooling
Residence
Number of children

III. [illegible]

I hereby donate this family [illegible] to the Rock Valley [illegible] Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois.

Signed Bradley L. Cummins

Date

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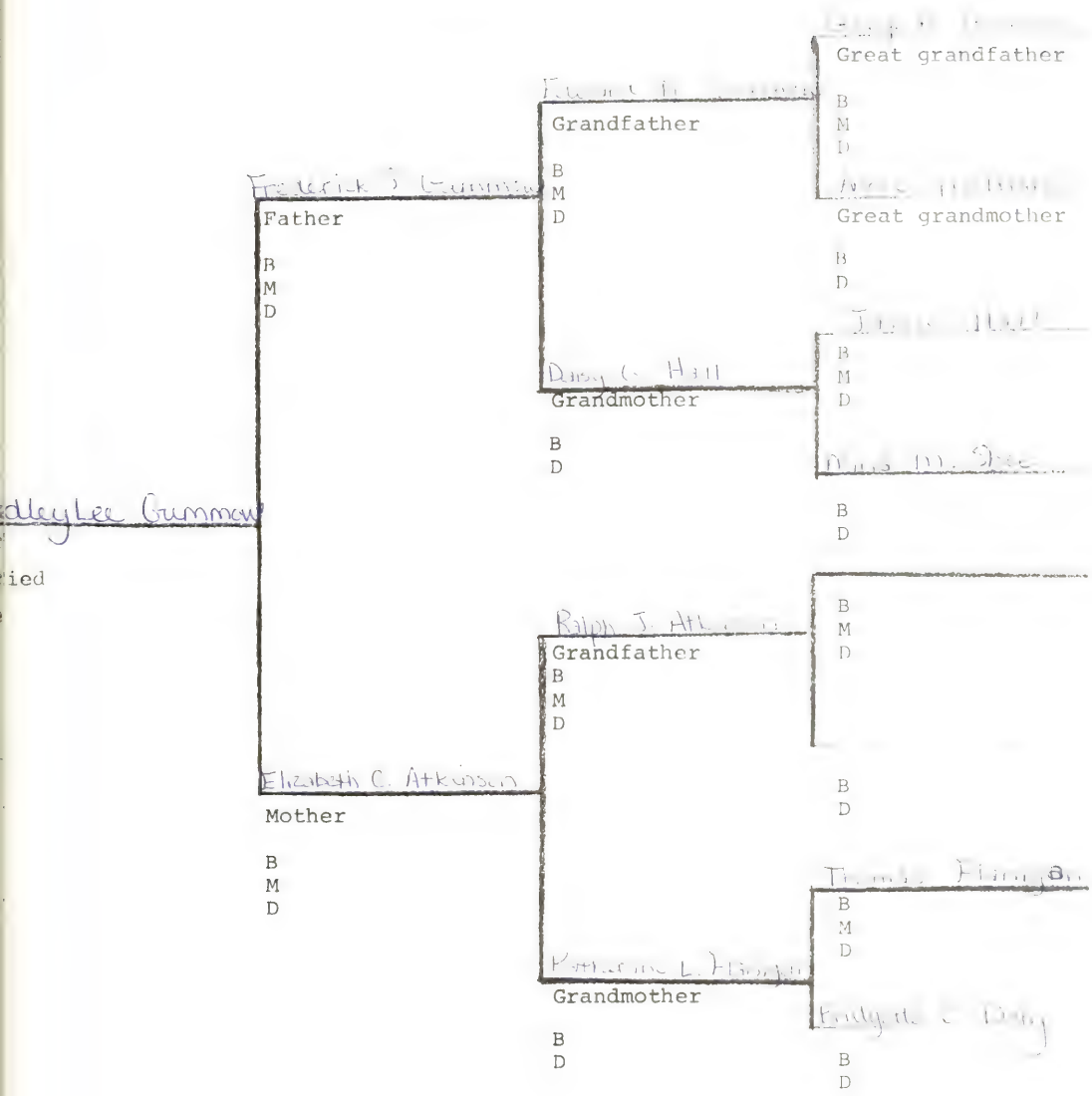

GRANDFATHER GUMMOW

Edward Allen Gummow

Edward Allen Gummow was born 15, July 1903 to the parents of George Henry and his wife Annie McMahon Gummow. He was born in the basement of their home, which still stands near the present site of Gummow Dairy near Rockton. Edward's parents had two farms located near the bend of the Pecatonica and Rock Rivers, outside of Rockton, which Edward later bought from his father. During grade school he attended a one-room school called Conklin School between Harrison and Rockton. When it was time for high school, he attended Rockton High School, which is presently called Hononegah. After graduation he attended Brown's Business College for one year. Brown's was located in Rockford and was closed down shortly before World War II and never reopened. After his schooling he returned to the farm to work for his father until he married his wife, Daisy Geraldine Hall. Shortly after their marriage they purchased the home farm.

GRANDMOTHER GUMMOW

Daisy Geraldine Gummow

On 24, February 1907 Daisy Geraldine Hall was born in Baraboo (Necedah County), Wisconsin. Her parents were of the Protestant faith and religion was stressed strongly in the home. Her father was a farmer and as usual in those days everyone in the family worked on the farm and helping out neighboring farmers, also. In early 1920 the family sold their farm and moved to Beloit (Rock County), Wisconsin, and the father, John Wesly Hall went into the field of industrial engineering. At the age of thirteen, Daisy started attending Beloit schools. Life went on as usual for the high school girl and in 1923 Daisy met the man who was later to become her husband. It was at a square dance at the Shirland Town Hall in Shirland Illinois. Edward and Daisy started dating after this and in January of 1926 were engaged to be married and did so on 20, February 1926.

PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS LIFE TOGETHER

Edward & Daisy Gummow

Edward and Daisy were married on 20, February 1926 at the Court Street Methodist Church in Rockford, Illinois. After a honeymoon, they returned home to the farm they were to buy and were fairly successful with their home farm. They grew crops and raised both dairy and beef cattle. In the next few years they had three children; Allen Edward, the oldest, was born 7 December, 1926; Robert Duane, 1 February, 1928, and Frererick Stanley on 15 December, 1929. All three sons attended the same school as their father did at grade school age. In 1932 Edward started gummow Dairy which was then called Highway 75 Dairy, named after the road they lived on. At first all processing was done in the basement of the house. There were always at least four hired hands working on the farm and everyone took turns with the first milk route. There was no homogenizing or pasteurization, so all the milk sold was raw milk. Since there was no refrigeration for the trucks, the route had to be started at two o'clock in the morning so it would be delivered before the sun got bright enough to warm the raw milk. All milk was sold in pints and quarts. Prices charged when first starting out were: quarts, 5ø, and pints, 3ø.

The depression struck hard on nearby farms as it did on Edward and Daisy's. Hired hands would work ten-hour days just for room, board and their

tobacco. Pigs that were raised could only be sold for three cents a pound and a farmer would pay fifteen cents a pound for corn. Ed remembers a neighbor who shipped a boxcar full of sheep to Chicago via a train which carried the sheep to market. Prices were so low that the freight bill for hauling was more than he recieved for the sheep.

FATHER

Frederick Stanley Gummow

Fred was born in the Beloit Hospital, Beloit Wisconsin on 15, December 1929. Being the youngest in the family of five he grew up during the Depression. As did his older brothers Allen and Robert he attended grade school in a one-room school callled Conklin School near Harrison Illinois. After sixth grade he transferred to Rockton Grade School and co-captained his basketball team which won Rockton's first trophy. This also was the first year grade school players at Rockton recieved letters for completing playing seasons. He entered Hononegah (Rockton) High School and was vice-president of his class, the Class of '47. Athletics were only used his last two years of high school. His freshman and sophomore years were at the same time as World War II so high school sports were not allowed at the time. After graduating he returned home to work on the farm for a year.

At age nineteen he and an old friend toured the United States for nine months and worked on the "Grain Sweep" which was a large group of men who worked in harvesting wheat. They started on the southern part of the wheat belt and worked north. After the vacation he returned home to help on his father's farms and three years later was drafted, and he reported for duty in 1952. Just before leaving for the army he met Elizabeth Cecillia Atkinson and they wrote to each other when he could not come home on leave.

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER

Ralph Atkinson

Ralph Atkinson was born 15, March 1900 to the parants of Irish immigrants. Many of his relatives came over during the Great Potato Famine in Ireland. They came to the Crystal Lake, Illinois area, where his father labored on a farm near Crystal Lake. When Ralph was old enough to help his father earn money they purchased a farm which was located near Roscoe Illinois, along side present-day Highway 51. He attended his later years of schooling in Beloit when they still lived near Roscoe and rode a horse to school. At the end of his sophomore year he quit school to work on the farm. Hired hands were too expensive and help was needed badly on the farm. Production was low in these years and income was falling sharply for most farm families in the mid-west.

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

Katherine Leora Flanigan

Katherine Leora Flanigan was born into a large family of four brothers and three sisters. She was born in Adams Township Wisconsin on 13 July, 1903. Her father drove ice wagons and coal wagons in southern Wisconsin and when they moved to Beloit the family started farming in the Beloit area. Leora attended Beloit schools until the time of World War I when she had to quit school to go to work. She worked in a factory in Beloit which made hand grenades for the war. She then worked in a shoe factory which is now FreemanShoe Company. At the age of seventeen she became engaged to be married.

MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS LIFE TOGETHER

Ralph and Leora Atkinson

Grandpa and grandma Atkinson were married at the St. Thomas Church on 18, April 1920. Leora quit her job at Beloit and they moved to Ralph's parents' farm where they farmed on shares with his parents. Their oldest children were born while they were still farming with Ralph's father. They are Geraldine Letha Atkinson, Mercedes Mae Atkinson, and Arthur James Atkinson. Shortly after the birth of their third child, they moved to South Beloit and Ralph became an engineer at Fairbanks Morse, a Division of Colt Industries. Building materials were hard to obtain so when they built their house in South Beloit it was cement building blocks with a wooden frame. During their life at this house in South Beloit Three more children were born into the family. They were Patricia Ann, Elizabeth Cecellia, named after her grandmother who was born in Ireland, and William Robert Atkinson. Elizabeth soon adopted the the nickname of 'Mike' because of her closeness to her sister Pat. They were nicknamed after the legendery tale of the Irisnmen Pat and Mike. Two years later the family settled in their new home at 503 Hayes Avenue. They purchased the land with a down-payment of five dollars for the half-acre lot that they built on.

Most of their children went into separate fields of work. Letha worked for the Post Office, which she

still does. Merce went on to five years of college and became a teacher. Arthur served in the Navy and was on the famous battleship--The Ancon, which was bombed three different times; one bombing lasted thirty-six hours. Later a book was written about the ship. The three youngest children were still at home while the oldest pursued their careers.

In 1946 Ralph decided to start a business of his own, which was a taxi-cab service. 'Ackey's Hack,' derived from his nickname 'Ackey' was the name. It had Southern Wisconsin's first radio dispatched cabs and was a huge success. The family ran the business for two years and then sold the business to Yellow Cab Company of Beloit. Ralph went back to engineering.

Divorce split the family up in 1948 and Ralph moved back to his home town of Crystal Lake. Leora and the children continued living in South Baloit.

MOTHER

Elizabeth Cecellia Atkinson

Elizabeth was born into a large family from South Beloit, Illinois. Her birth date was 17, October 1935, and was born in the Beloit Hospital, at Beloit, Wisconsin. The depression had a very bad effect on this family as it did all large families. The older members of the family had to work in addition to going to school just so they could make ends meet. When Elizabeth was aroundfive years old they moved to a different home in South Beloit and if her father could make twenty dollars a week during the Depression they felt as though they were doing well. Elizabeth worked a Warner Brake and Clutch in South Beloit while attending high school. She also captained the cheerleading squad and served as an officer of her class all four years of high school. After graduation she continued to work at Warner Brake and Clutch for a year until she met her husband-to-be at the same place as did Fred's parents twenty-one years sooner.

PARENTS LIFE TOGETHER

Fred and Elizabeth's Life Together

After working on the home farm for three years Fred was drafted into the United States Army, and served as a military policeman. Elizabeth continued her work at Warner Brake and Clutch in her home town of South Beloit. The two were engaged in 1954 and found their separation to be hard on their relationship. On a weekend leave from Camp Crowder in Missouri, Frederick S. Gummow took Elizabeth Cecellia Atkinson as his wife in April of 1954. Returning to Camp Crowder together they soon found living accomodations off the base. Most of their tome was spent with other Army newlyweds and families. They traveled on his leaves and led a generally fulfilled life. In September of 1955 the first child of the family was born to Elizabeth, named after his grandfather, Edward Brian Gummow. He was born in the Army base prison hospital. The camp personnel were entitled to the use of the hospital but most of the patients were prisoners that Fred was in charge of. Shortly after Ed's birth his father was promoted to corporal. Life went on as usual for Fred, still a guard at the prison. One year and exactly one month later on 10, October 1956 their second son was born--also a boy, Bradley Lee Gummow. He was a very small baby at birth and during the first year of life suffered from a very harsh case of pneumonia. Birth came on the day of Fred's supposed discharge from the Army. Then after three days of recuperation for Eliza-

beth they packed their belongings and two sons into the car and headed home for Rockton. When we returned they moved us all into a house on the home farm which was located at the present site of Gummow Farm's Dairy, a family business. Elizabeth remained a housewife carring for her husband and two sons, while Fred worked on the farms and at the dairy. Life went on without any major changes until 1959. On June 10th of that year Andrew John Gummow was born. Since they had wanted a girl and didn't get one any of three times they gave up on the idea and remained satisfied with three sons.

At this time we were living in the Harrison Grade School District and Brad and Ed were both of school age and attended Harrison School. The parents felt as though a better education could be earned in the Rockton schools. In the fall of 1962 construction began on their present home near Rockton. Most of the planning was done by Elizabeth. Her 'knack' for planning the home reached two national magazines. After the house was completed we moved in and the children began school at Rockton.

Fred carried on with the dairy operation and with the help of his brother has turned it into one of the three largest partnerships in dairy production in the state of Illinois. In early 1971 Fred started a new business with Gummow Dairy being the parent company. This is a chain of convenient-type grocery stores with most of them having self-service gasoline with them. It has now developed into a chain of stores and he has taken on three partners in the Country Stores Incorporated.

Elizabeth carried on as housewife and mother of three sons. When her husband started his new business she helped in starting the first set of stores. In 1972 she started taking extension courses from the University of Illinois and holds a degree in Realty Orientation in working with rest home patients and senior citizens in the Rockford area. Her responsibilities include organization activities for them and holding seminars in the field. She presently is devoting most of her time to the Park-Strathmor Nursing Home in Rockford. Her hopes are to earn a higher degree and assist in remotivation plans for retirement homes in Winnebago County.

Their two oldest sons are attending college. Ed is at Mesa Community College in Phoenix Arizona. Brad goes to Rock Valley College and lives in South Beloit. Andy, the youngest, is still in high school at Hononegah High and lives at home.

MY LIFE

Bradley Lee Gummow

I was born in a military prison hospital at Camp Crowder, Missori. My father was serving as a military policeman in the Army and other hospitals were not available so a portion of the hospital was set aside for the guards and their families. After three days my father was discharged from the Army. We returned home and my father helped on the farm and in the dairy business, which was still relatively small. I attended Rockton Grade School and co-captained our basketball team which won two championships in a row. My father started devoting all of his time to the dairy and it grew in size and production at a sharp speed. I started to help on the farms and have continued to do so until now.

After graduation I entered Hononegah High School and joined the wrestling team, when I was a freshman. This was the highlite of my freshman year and I went on to finish third in the Northern Illinois District. Finding high school more difficult, I found time for only one sport and the only other activity I had time for was 4-H, which provided for the first trip on my own. Four other Delegates and myself were sent to Washington, D.C. for a 4-H leadership conference.

Upon entering high school for my sophomore year I again went out for wrestling, but suffered a shoulder injury early in the season. I still wanted to take part in sports so found that high school sports weren't for bad shoulders. I began to

take lessons in Tae-Kwon-Do, which is a Korean karate form. After taking lessons for awhile I helped teach beginners for two and one-half years. During my junior year and first half of my senior year I worked for a recreational land development company named Lake Carroll. I managed to save enough money for the vacation I had longed for. In early December of 1973 a friend and I left for Florida and the Bahamas. Most of our time was spent in the south was on Nassau Island, which is the capital of the Bahamas. We Stayed for a month and found it hard to return after just getting used to the Bahaman way of life.

I went through my senior year on a work-study program. The first half was spent with Lake Carroll and at semester break I worked as a salesman for a car dealerin the area. But in early 1974 when the economy started falling, car sales went with it, so started working for my father at Gummow Dairy and the Country Stores, Inc. After high school graduation three frinds and myself went on our boyhood dream trip. We had always planned on moving to Florida together and in June of 1974 we left. We rented a house in Bradenton, Florida and worked in the area. The three friends decided to stay but I decided to come back home to Illinois, and attend college. I applied at North Central College at Naperville, Illinois, but found out I was too late in doing so. I elected to attend Rock Valley College and live with and work for my parents while attending 'The Valley'. I am presently interested in marketing and have placed my major as such. Since I was back in school I felt that a sport would be good to get into and so I pur-

chased a D.K.W. motorcycle and began racing moto-cross. I have only finished one season and I still feel that I am a beginner, but hope to pursue the sport again next season.

The first semester of Rock Valley is almost over and my plans are to either continue at Rock Valley or transfer to another school. I hope to have a business of my own in a few years.

GUMMOW, KEVIN EARL, 1956-

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1. Your name KEVIN EARL GUMMOW
   Date of form _____

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
   X 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) X Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
   ___ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky
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   X Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska)
   X Plains (ND, SD, Neb., Kan., Iowa, MO)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

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   ___ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   X Professions ___ Industrial labor ___ Other

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   X Baptist ___ Episcopallian X Congregational ___ Lutheran
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   ___ Jews ___ Central Europeans ___ Italians ___ Slavs
   ___ Irish ___ British X Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian ___ Other

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   X Interviews with other family members X Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   ___ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   X Photographs ___ Maps X Other

II. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name EDWARD EVEN GUMMOW Current Residence ROCKTON, ILL
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth ROCKTON Date of Birth 21, JULY 1903

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 2 college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st CONSTRUCTION WORK	Dates _____	1st CHICAGO, ILL	Dates _____
2nd FARMING	Dates 1925—	2nd ROCKFORD, ILL	Dates 1925-
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name DAISY GERALDINE HALL Current Residence ROCKTON, ILL.
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth BARBOO, WISCONSIN Date of birth 24, FEB 1907

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st _____	Dates _____	1st ROCKTON, ILL	Dates 1926-
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____
4th _____	Dates _____	4th _____	Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ DATE _____

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name HOMER EARL MARTIN Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 26 APRIL 1963

Place of birth RAYMOND, ILL Date of birth 18, JULY 1878
Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st MORTUARY SCHOOL	Dates _____	1st RAYMOND ILL	Dates 1919
2nd CARPENTRY WORK	Dates _____	2nd LITCHFIELD ILL	Dates _____
3rd FARM	Dates 1936-40	3rd BELOIT, WIS	Dates 1936-63
4th SALES JOBS	Dates 1940-1942	5th FAIRBANK MORSE	Dates 1942-63

Religion BAPTIST
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. DEMOCRATICS

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____
Note: If your mother was raised by ~~a stepfather or another relative (to age 18)~~ give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name NEVIE WINARD FRASER Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death MARCH 1934

Place of birth CARLINVILLE, ILL Date of birth 19, MARCH 1878
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st _____	Dates _____	1st RAYMOND, ILL	Dates 1919-36
2nd _____	Dates _____	2nd _____	Dates _____
3rd _____	Dates _____	3rd _____	Dates _____

Religion BAPTIST
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. REPUBLICAN

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ date _____
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name ALLEN EDWARD GUMMOW
Place of birth BELOIT WISC date 7, DEC, 1926
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence ROCKTON ILL Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 4

2. Name ROBERT DUANE GUMMOW
Place of birth BELOIT WISC date 1, FEB, 1928
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation CONSTRUCTION [illegible]
Residence ROCKTON ILL Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children

3. Name FREDRICK STANLEY GUMMOW
Place of birth BELOIT WIS date 15, DEC 1929
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation DAIRY SALES - ASS. WITH STORES
Residence ROCKTON ILL Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 4

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

2. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

3. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

4. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

5. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

6. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

7. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

8. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

9. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

10. Name _____
Place of birth _____ date _____
Number of years of schooling _____ Occupation _____
Residence _____ Marital Status _____
Number of children _____

Your Father

Name ALLEN EDWARD GUMMOW Current Residence ROCKTON, ILL
If dead, date of death

Place of birth BELOIT, WISCONSIN Date of birth 7, DEC 1926
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 2 college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st [illegible] Dates [illegible] 1st [illegible] Dates [illegible]
2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 2nd [illegible] Dates [illegible]
3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible] 3rd Dates
4th Dates 4th Dates
Religion

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. [illegible]

Place of marriage to your mother CHICAGO, ILL Date 26, APRIL
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name NAOMI LOUISE MARTIN Current Residence ROCKTON, ILL
If dead, date of death

Place of birth RAYMOND, ILL Date of birth 31, MARCH 1928
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college 2

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st STENOGRAPHER Dates 1944 47 1st [illegible] Dates [illegible]
2nd PRIVATE SECY Dates [illegible] 54 2nd [redacted] Dates 1948 47
3rd HOUSE WIFE Dates [illegible] 3rd ROCKTON, ILL Dates [illegible]

Religion BAPTIST
Political party, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. REPUBLICAN

Place of marriage to your father CHICAGO, ILL Date 26, APRIL
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name STEPHEN ALLEN GUMMOW
Place of birth BELOIT, WISC. Date of birth 13 SEPT. 1954
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status
Number of children

Name KEVIN EARL GUMMOW
Place of birth BELOIT, WISC. Date of birth 30, SEPT. 1956
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation STUDENT
Residence [illegible] Marital Status
Number of children

Name DAVID EDWARD GUMMOW
Place of birth BELOIT WISC. Date of birth 4, NOV. 1959
Number of years of schooling 9 Occupation STUDENT
Residence ROCKFORD ILL (PARENTS) Marital Status
Number of children

Name SUSAN KAY GUMMOW
Place of birth BELOIT, WISC. Date of birth 1, DEC 1961
Number of years of schooling 7 Occupation STUDENT
Residence ROCKFORD ILL (PARENTS) Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Date [illegible]

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N EARL GUMMOW
n 30, SEPT. 1956
ried
d

ALLEN EDWARD
Father
B 7, DEC [illegible]
M [illegible]
D

NAOMI LOUISE
Mother
B 31, MARCH 1928
M 26, APRIL
D

EDWARD ALLEN
Grandfather
B 21, JULY 1903
M 20 FEB 1926 1925
D

DAISY GERALDINE
Grandmother
B 24, FEB 1907
D

HOMER EARL MARTIN
Grandfather
B 15 JULY 1898
M 30, SEPT. 1920
D 26, APRIL 1963

NELLIE EDWARD FRASER
Grandmother
B [illegible] MARCH [illegible]
D MARCH 1934

GEORGE GUMMOW
Great grandfather
B 28, MAY 1864
M 25, DEC 1898
D 22, OCT 1945

ANNIE BELL MCMAHON
Great grandmother
B 26, OCT 1877
D 1, JUNE 1968

JOHN [illegible]
B 14 FEB 1882
M 20 OCT 1903
D 18 MAY 1938

[illegible] SHUE
B 12 MARCH 1880
D 25 JUNE 1955

JOHN HENRY MARTIN
B 1868
M 1892
D 17 MARCH 1942

HARRIETT NAOMI ELLIOTT
B 26, OCT 1871
D 1942

WILLIAM A. FRASER
B 20, JUNE 1872
M
D 1930

NOVA BELLE [illegible]
B 25, SEPT. 1879
D 1915

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PART III

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[illegible]

[illegible] Life - Kevin [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] - [illegible]

Henry [illegible]

It is listed in the [illegible] of 1877 that Henry and his father Charles were blacksmiths in Harrison Illinois. The exact year that [illegible] came to America is not known.

While being a blacksmith and farmer he helped a man named William Langly and his family to come to this country from England, in turn Mr. Langly [illegible] for Henry to pay their passage. Along with Henry and his father were three sisters and two brothers that came to America also. Henry settled and built a home one-tenth of a mile west of the [illegible] river outside of Harrison. Henry married Mary Ann [illegible] in [illegible] Oct. [illegible]. [illegible] children [illegible] boys and [illegible] girls [illegible] of the children 2 boys 3 girls died within [illegible] years of birth.

Henry and family belonged to the church in Harrison. Henry also was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Rockton, because of the fire of 1907 which destroyed all the [illegible] of the lodge it is not known to us what degree he was.

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], 1904. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible], 1903

[illegible]

[illegible] 19[illegible], [illegible] 1929. [illegible] to a man in Stockton, who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] equipment [illegible] Howard [illegible]. [illegible] dairy was [illegible], and the first delivery truck was a 1929 Model A Ford. The first milk was [illegible] milk, delivered to [illegible]. The process of [illegible] followed by homogenizing. [illegible] World War II, and took a [illegible] interest in the [illegible], in time began to [illegible], and has continued to go [illegible] his direction. [illegible] the Chicago area and at the [illegible] of Freeport, Illinois. A second son, Frederick, has come into the business in the last two years. The name was changed to [illegible] Dairy in 196[illegible].

[illegible] Hall

[illegible] 1, 1812 [illegible] 1, 1[illegible]

[illegible] Hall [illegible] a [illegible], [illegible] a [illegible] of all grades. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], 1871 [illegible], 1942

[illegible] in [illegible], Illinois, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Illinois. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Litchfield Hospital.

[illegible]r [illegible]l [illegible]rtin

[illegible] 1[illegible], 1[illegible] [illegible] April [illegible], 1963

[illegible]orn on the [illegible] farm in [illegible], Illinois, [illegible] County. [illegible] is [illegible] of [illegible], Illinois. [illegible] rode a horse to [illegible] high school. [illegible] the first enrollment [illegible] High School.

While in school he was interested in music. He [illegible] tenor voice, and his family [illegible] him to voice [illegible] in [illegible], Illinois. He [illegible] guitar lessons and played the [illegible]. He went to a Mortuary School in St. Louis, Missouri for a year, but decided this wasn't a profession he particularly liked. His religion was [illegible]. He joined the [illegible] when he was a young man, and was active only the [illegible] lived in the [illegible] area. He married [illegible] on September 30, 1919 at [illegible], Illinois. [illegible] five children. Their first year of marriage was/in [illegible], Illinois [illegible] he played the guitar and sang on a radio station. [illegible] to Litchfield, Illinois and he went into [illegible] built homes, [illegible] built. After [illegible] on his father's farm [illegible] he was born, and farmed until [illegible] in 19[illegible]. In 193[illegible] he moved to [illegible] in 19[illegible] [illegible]. He went to work [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] there until his death in 196[illegible].

Nellie Willard [illegible] Martin

[illegible] 1890 [illegible], 1[illegible]

Born in [illegible], Illinois, [illegible], Illinois

as a child, [illegible]

Born in [illegible], Illinois [illegible]. [illegible]

school [illegible]. [illegible]

education, [illegible]. [illegible]

was active in [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible] Martin [illegible],

1819 at [illegible], Illinois. [illegible] in

Decatur, Illinois, [illegible], Illinois

where she died at [illegible] of 36 in [illegible].

She left a husband and five children.

[illegible]

[illegible] Louise Martin [illegible]

Born - March 31, 1928

The daughter of [illegible] Martin and [illegible].

Born on a farm in [illegible], Illinois, [illegible].

There until six years of age, attending [illegible] school in first grade. In 1934 moved to Beloit, living on a farm located on Milline [illegible] north of Beloit. Attended the [illegible] [illegible]. Moved to Beloit, [illegible] and attended [illegible] through 8th, transferred to Roosevelt Jr. [illegible] school in 9th grade. In [illegible] grade attended Lincoln Jr. [illegible], and graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in June 1946.

[illegible] (Martin Rose [illegible]). [illegible] attended the University of [illegible], [illegible] as a credit manager assistant in [illegible] [illegible]). She married Allen [illegible] in April [illegible] to [illegible], Texas. [illegible] as a private secretary with The [illegible]. [illegible]. Stephen, Kevin, David and [illegible]. [illegible] is active in the First Baptist Church, Beloit, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] is active in [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] board. As of this date, [illegible], 1981, [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] farm, [illegible] [illegible] a home seven years ago next to the [illegible] dairy.

[illegible]

[illegible] September 30, [illegible]6

I was born in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 12 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] grade at [illegible] School. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] parents [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and we moved to the farm. I then attended [illegible] [illegible] School, and graduated from there in eighth grade. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] grade. I started my freshman year [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] School, [illegible], Illinois, and graduated in [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] school, I was active in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Club, [illegible] Club and FFA. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

GUSTAFSON, BERNARD, 1933-

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1. Your name Bernard Gustafson
   Date of form 6 May, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ____ Before 1750 ____ 1750-1800 ____ 1800-1850
   ____ 1850-1900 ✓ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

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5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   ✓ Farming ____ Mining ____ Shopkeeping or small business
   ____ Transportation ____ Big Business ____ Manufacturing
   ____ Professions ✓ Industrial labor ✓ Other - CONSTRUCTION LABOR

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

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   ____ Baptist ____ Episcopalian ____ Congregational ✓ Lutheran
   ____ Quaker ____ Mormon ____ Other Protestant ____ Other

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   ____ Jews ____ Central Europeans ____ Italians ____ Slavs
   ____ Irish ____ British ✓ Native Americans over several generations
   ____ East Asian ✓ Other - SCANDINAVIAN

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   ✓ Interviews with other family members ____ Family Bibles ____ Family Genealogies
   ____ Vital Records ____ Land Records ____ The U.S. Census
   ____ Photographs ____ Maps ____ Other

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name OSCAR AUGUST GUSTAFSON Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 1921

Place of birth GREN, SWEDEN Date of Birth 1856

Education (number of years):
grade school ✓ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st FARMER Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion BAPTIST

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of Marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name TILDA GUSTAFSON Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 1935

Place of birth ANNERLIDEN, SWEDEN Date of birth 1864

Education (number of years):
grade school ✓ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st FARMER'S WIFE Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion BAPTIST

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ DATE 1882

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name ANDERS JOHANSON UTBERG Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 1912

Place of birth DALSLAND, SWEDEN Date of birth 1854
Education (number of years):
grade school V high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st FARMER Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____

Religion LUTHERN
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____
Note: If your mother was raised by a ~~stepfather or another relative (to age 18)~~
give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name BRITA STINA UTBERG Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 1960

Place of birth DALSLAND, SWEDEN Date of birth 1862
Education (number of years)
grade school ✓ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st FARMER'S WIFE Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ date _____
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18)
give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name BERNARD OSCAR GUSTAFSON
Place of birth GUSTAV ADOLF, SWEDEN date 1899
Number of years of schooling 7 YRS Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children 3

2. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name MELVINA LINA GUSTAFSON
Place of birth UDEVALA, SWEDEN date 1962
Number of years of schooling 7 YRS Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

2. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name BERNARD OSCAR GUSTAFSON Current Residence 646 JULIAN ST. BELVIDERE, ILL.
If dead, date of death

Place of birth GUSTAF ADOLF, SWEDEN Date of birth 1899
Education (number of years)
grade school 7 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st CONSTRUCTION LABOR Dates 1st Dates
2nd INDUSTRIAL LABOR Dates 2nd Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates
4th Dates 4th Dates

Religion BAPTIST

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. ~~DEA~~

Place of marriage to your mother ELGIN, ILLINOIS date 1921 OCT 23

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name ALVINA EMILIA GUSTAFSON Current Residence 646 JULIAN ST BELVIDERE, ILL
If dead, date of death

Place of birth LIDKALLA, SWEDEN Date of birth 1902
Education (number of years)
grade school 7 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st HOUSEWIFE Dates 1st Dates
2nd WITNESS Dates 2nd Dates
3rd Dates 3rd Dates

Religion LUTHERAN
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Place of marriage to your father ELGIN, ILLINOIS date 23 OCT, 1921

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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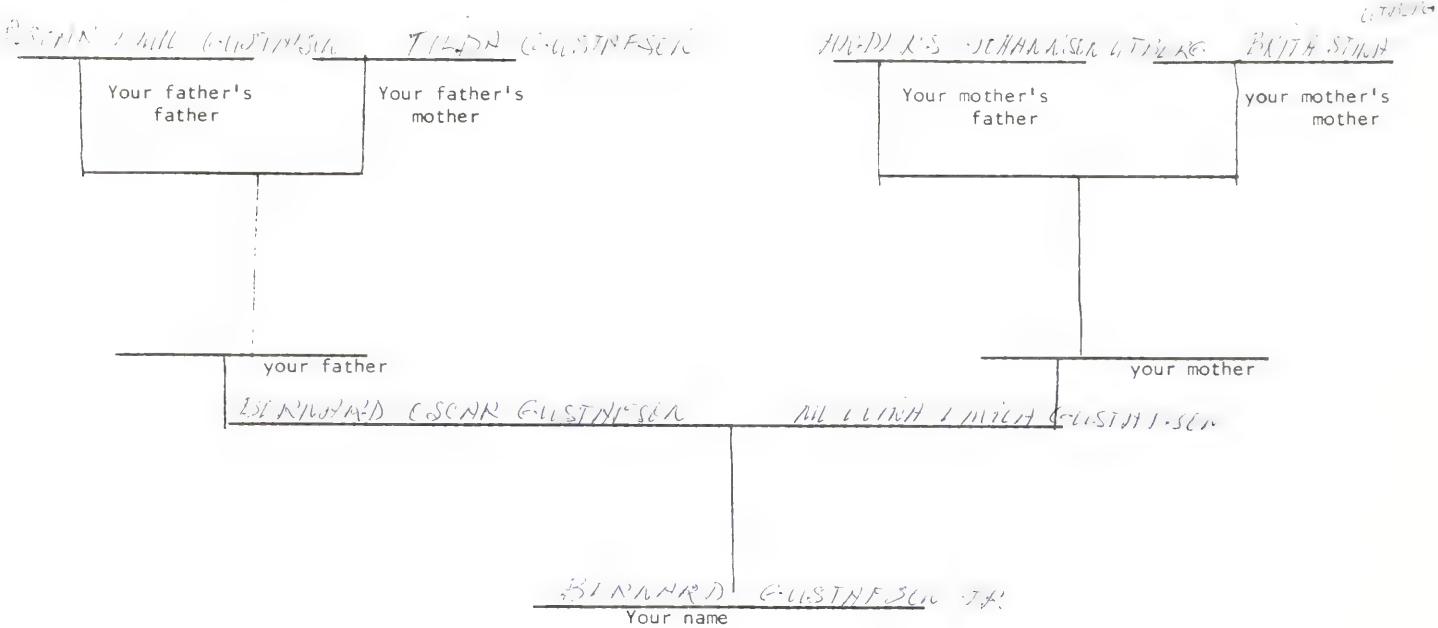
Date [illegible]

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART
(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



[illegible]

Bernard [illegible]
Melvina E. Gustafson Mother
Bernard Gustafson Jr. - writer of the following

Fathers descendants [illegible]

Fathers descendants [illegible] approximately 1300 [illegible]. Great Grandfather [illegible] mailman or postman, who delivered the mail on horseback over a route of 50-100 miles. He would blow a oxen horn when delivering the mail in order to notify people of his arrival. The risk involved in delivering the mail was basically the danger of being robbed by bandits.

This occured during the period of late 1700 - early 1800. No further data or recollection available for this period of time.

Grandfather History

Oscar Emil [illegible] in [illegible], Sweden in the year of 1[illegible]. [illegible] was a farmer all his life [illegible] in the year of 1921. [illegible] Baptist religion. Education was comprised of 6 grades. Religion had a great bearing in his life and was emphasized in the home. Oscar Gustafson married Tilda Gustafson in the year of 18[illegible].

Grandmothers history Fathers s.d.

Tilda [illegible] was born in [illegible], [illegible] in the year of 1864. Tilda [illegible] was a farmer, with all of her life up to the [illegible] of her death in the year of 1935. Even after her husband's death Tilda continued the life of farming. Tilda was of strong Baptist religion. Education was comprised of 6 grades. Tilda married [illegible] in the year of 1882.

Grandfathers History - Mothers side

Anders Johansson Ottberg was born in Falsland, [illegible] in the year of [illegible]. Anders [illegible] was a farmer all his life up to the time of [illegible] the year of [illegible] at the time of his [illegible] it was [illegible] inside of his coffin. Without sufficient medical knowledge and the process of embalming, absolute sureness of death was not true. After hearing noises in the room, in which the coffin laid overnite, it was open again in the morning and scratch marks were found on the inside cover of the coffin. Being terrified of the noises during the night, the remaining members, which were all children were too afraid to try to open the coffin.

Anders was of Lutheran religion and the date of his marriage to his wife Brita is not known.

Grandmothers History Mothers side

[illegible] with the year of [illegible]. [illegible] wife [illegible] with the year 19[illegible]. [illegible] religion. [illegible] consisted of 6 grades.

[illegible]

The [illegible] farming [illegible] family [illegible] 4 years [illegible] [illegible] of all [illegible] [illegible] range from 45 yrs - 20 yrs approximately [illegible] 10 yrs. The children were required to help with the chores and work around the farm. The crops that were raised were oats, wheat, rutabaga, carrots, rye and clover. These crops were raised basically for farm and family use and were not saleable crops. Saleable crops were milk and butter from a small dairy herd. The family home consisted of a living room, dinning room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and a open fireplace for heat. Water was carried in from the outside well and toilet facilities were outdoors. Bathing was usually taken in the nearby lake whenever weather permitted. The boys and girls in the family slept in the same beds which consisted of straw mattresses. The house had the bare necessities as far as furnishings. The outdoors was the entertainment world for all the family members. The State owned the farm, and the family paid rent to the State at a cost of approximately $50.00 per year American money equivalent. The country was 100% of protestant religion faith which was primarily Baptist and [illegible] religion. The church was about a 4-mile walk, and regular attendance was emphasized. Walking was the main mode of travel.

Other people of wealthier means used horses or bycycles for transportation, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] usually 6 months of [illegible] [illegible] continuously. Government consisted of a king, lawn and parliament. Men were the only ones [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and women could not hold office or vote. Votes were based on wealth. The wealthier you were would determine how many votes you would have. The Government was basically for the wealthy class and therefore did there bidding. The Government consisted of a two party system which was either Democrat or Republican with little difference in party platform. The State required a 6 yr minimum education which lasted 8-9 months per year. School consisted of going every day or every other day depending on the crowded conditions of the school. After attending 6 yrs. a diploma was received. The first 6 yrs. was a free education furnished by the State. Only wealthier people went on to high school or a University.

The family kept the older relatives with them at home rather than to send them to the old age homes which were in horrible condition and very crowded. In the old age home there sometimes were as much as 10-12 people per room and consisted of both male and female.

Church was the main gathering place along with the community hall where dancing would take place. The community

hall was usually [illegible], and therefore [illegible] lot [illegible]
[illegible] in the summer.

Communication [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
main holidays in the country. Birthdays were celebrated within
the family, but with no significant gifts [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Extra treat was given for the birthday person but they [illegible]
[illegible], also with coffee at the bedside. Coffee and milk were the
main beverages for the children. Weddings and funerals were
held at the home, and all the relatives and friends would attend.
These two events were the main celebrations. No parental approval
was necessary for marriage. Discipline was very strict with the
children. Respect was essential and commanded. The father made
all the important decisions, and was considered boss or the head
of the household. The wife's role was mainly the raising of the
children, housekeeping, sewing, and making of clothing.

Christmas was a very celebrated time. The tree was put up on
christmas eve. After morning church service it was decorated
with fruit and candies. A big dinner was held during the day
and then the family would return to church for service. The day
was spent with Bible reading during the day. No gifts were
given among the poorer class. The Christmas tree would stay up
until the 13th of January. Christmas day was not a day of [illegible]
but of solemn thought, and no noise or playing was allowed. On the
13th of January the children in the family would dance around the
tree, and divide up the candy and fruit that decorated the

Christmas tree. [illegible]

[illegible] Especially on Sundays. The State church [illegible] Lutheran denomination, [illegible] by the State, [illegible] others [illegible] supported by [illegible] by the [illegible].

Easter [illegible] was celebrated in much joy, with a huge bonfire and also [illegible] was again a very solemn day of church and Bible reading.

The oldest child always had the most authority amongst the children, and helped in giving orders and seeing that things were done. The discipline was handled by the father only and consisted of a strapping. Also in school the teacher was allowed to discipline with a rod or stick.

The people in relation to their Government were free people without fear of persecution, but governing bodies were corrupt as elsewhere in the world.

Not all members of the family had the desire to emigrate to the U.S.A. Motivations were for money, and more opportunity to succeed with thoughts of becoming wealthy, and returning home in the not to distant future. Money was borrowed from other people to secure passage to the U.S.A. The emigration of my mother and father occurred in 1922 and 1923. Because they were under 20 yrs. of age when they emigrated, they had to get permission from the king of Sweden before they were allowed to leave the country.

World War I created great apprehensions, and the country of Sweden was thankful to see America enter the war. America was considered the greatest of all nations. [illegible] America and made a good enough wage at that time to be able to take trips back to Sweden, and show, and tell [illegible] about wealth and opportunities in America. This prompted more people to emig[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] earnings during this time which was in the early 1920's.
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] high in price. Entertainment mostly consisted of dinner and
movies which were cheap entertainment.

The language [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
the President in the U.S.A. at [illegible] was Coolidge, and [illegible]
thought of, but Hoover was considered not good even during his
first term in office.

Because of their inability to read and understand the language
they were not aware of the economic factors taking place, and therefore
were unaware of the beginning of the depression until the lay off
from their jobs happened, and not able to secure new employment.
They couldn't understand, or believe what was happening.
From 1929 - 1933 there was absolutely no employment to be
found until W.P.A. became organized and Franklin Roosevelt
had became elected. W.P.A. paid $18.00 per week, and the
government also saw to it that you were given several
baskets of food per month while you were on W.P.A. World
affairs during this time did not mean much. The main
job, and thought at hand was survival and this continued
into 1940 + 1941. What happened in other parts of the world
was unimportant in relation to what was happening at home.
Even after the U.S.A. entered into the second world war the main
thought was that maybe [illegible] would be [illegible]
This thought was more important than the war after 12 [illegible]
of no steady work, and the extreme hardships of the
depression.

[illegible]

This period of time [illegible]

the city of Elgin, Illinois. Immigration into this country and [illegible] in Elgin, [illegible] fact that [illegible] settled there. [illegible], after [illegible] of marriage, and [illegible] children [illegible] the family [illegible], the moved to Rockford, [illegible] in pursuit of steady employment, which [illegible] because father was laid off again after 3 months of employment. But by 1942 a steady job with Rockford Screw Products was found. Employment with Rockford Screw Products lasted until father retired after 22 yrs. of steady work.

When employment did become steady in 1942 a radio was purchased which brought more news of the worlds affairs. Confidence in America, even after going thru the depression, was never shattered, and there was never any doubt that America would not win the war, and defeat the axis powers. It was just a matter of time seemed to be the prevalent opinion. Franklin Roosevelt during this time was considered and looked upon as the greatest President this country ever had, and the finest man in the world, who was sincerely interested in trying to help the working people.

The family first automobile was purchased in 1945 and it was a 1936 Ford and cost \$425.00. Rationing of food and clothing during the war was [illegible] [illegible] by Americans with the war. Black market items could be bought but the family would not do what was considered illegal or dishonest.

Living conditions for the family, [illegible]
were very [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to live in a dirt floor basement [illegible]
that were inhabited by [illegible]
per month. Even as late as 1944 in the city of Kilbridge, [illegible]
outdoor toilet facilities were used. No bath tub was present in the
house at this time, and bath had to be taken in a wash tub
with heated water from the stove. No hot water from a
heater was in the house. Rent was $12.00 per month at this
time for these type of home with these limited facilities. At
night time a covered pail was used in the house for toilet
facilities and dumped out in the morning. There was no
central heating system in the house. A coal burning potbelly
stove was used in the kitchen and a oil burning stove
in the living room. Coal for the kitchen stove was sometimes
furnished by the children, who would carry a pail along the
railroad tracks, and pick up pieces of coal. The house was
never heated after bed time hours, and therefore became very
cold at night. Sometimes the cold would even freeze the
water pipes. But even so the family felt very fortunate that
they were progressing economically, and therefore were thankful
when any new purchase of [illegible] to better the house was possible.
Post debts were never forgotten, and always paid, some took
as long as 10 years to be paid back for rent owed and other
bills, but they were always paid. The children were always
sent to church regardless of whether the parents attended or not

[illegible]

than father. Father always thought that the most important thing [illegible] [illegible] for their [illegible] grown up, and [illegible] married [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] economic conditions of the family and the country several trips to Sweden were also possible for mother and father. This was especially important, because most of their brothers and sisters had never migrated to America, and therefore still lived in Sweden. Retirement was possible in 1967, and they both are still alive. Father is age 74 and mother age 72. Life is very simple and easy now, and income is sufficient for a comfortable life with the aid of savings and social security. A just reward for a trying and difficult life.

GUTHRIE, MICHAEL NICHOLAS, 1957-

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Rockford, Illinois

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___ 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

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___ Roman Catholic ___ Jewish ___ Presbyterian X Methodist
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X Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles X Family Genealogies
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II. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Melville McDougal Guthrie Current Residence 4016 Helen Street Lake Isabella CA.

Date of birth July 10, 1894 Place of birth Stickney, Illinois
Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education(number of years);
grade school 6 high school none vocational none college none

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Beltline R.R.	Dates 1918-1920	1st Clearing, Il.	Dates 1918-1920
2nd H.L. Fisher Man. Co.	Dates 1920-1927	2nd Chicago, Il.	Dates 1920-1938
3rd George T. Schmidt	Dates 1927- 1952	3rd Park Ridge	Dates 1938-1952
4th Retired	Dates 1952- pres.	4th Southern Cal.	Dates 1952-present

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Republican, Mason, American Legion, Vets.W.W.I.

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Chicago, Illinois Date April 23, 1917

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Martha Florence Guthrie Current Residence 4016 Helen Street Lake Isabella

Date of birth January 23, 1898 Place of birth Woodstock, Illinois
Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 2 vocational none
college none

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Boy Needle Co.	Dates 1917-1918	1st Chicago, Ill.	Dates 1898-1952
2nd Homemaker	Dates 1918-pres.	2nd Southern Cal.	Dates 1952-pres.
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion Protestant

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Republican, Farm Bureau, Woman's Auxilary

Place of marriage to your grandfather Chicago, Illinois Date April 23,1917

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-2 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ date_____

B-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years):
grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____
college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

C. Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Nick Bozanich Current Residence

Date of birth ~~June 17~~ AUGUST 15, 1890, 1890 Place of birth Bosnia, Austria-Hungary

Date of death April 12, 1958 Place of burial Elsinore, California

Education (number of years):

grade school none high school none vocational none college none

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Copper Miner	Dates 1907	1st Butte, Mont.	Dates 1907
2nd Iron Ore Miner	Dates ?-1917	2nd Chisholm, Minn.	Dates ?-1917
3rd Copper Miner	Dates 1917-1919	3rd Butte, Mont.	Dates 1917-1919
4th Iron Ore Miner	Dates 1919-1945	4th Chisholm, Minn.	Dates 1919-1945

Religion Serbian Orthodox

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc.

Democrat, International Harvester Union

Place of marriage to your grandmother Chisholm, Minn. date June 17, 1917

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

D. Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Sophie Bozanich (Rajacich) Current Residence Elsinore, California

Date of birth March 23, 1894 Place of birth Lika, Austria-Hungary

Date of death Place of burial

Education (number of years)

grade school 6 high school none vocational none college none

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Homemaker	Dates 1894-Pres.	1st Chisolm, Minn.	Dates 1907-1917
2nd	Dates	2nd Butte, Mont.	Dates 1917-1919
3rd	Dates	3rd Chisholm, Minn.	Dates 1919-1945
4th	Dates	4th Elsinore, Cal.	Dates 1945-pres.

Religion Serbian Orthodox

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Democrat, Serbian Sisters of the Serbian Orthodox Church

Place of marriage to your grandfather Chisholm, Minnesota Date June 17, 1945

NOTE: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-1)

C-2 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother_____ Date_____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name_____ Current Residence_____

Date of birth_____ Place of birth_____

Date of death_____ Place of burial_____

Education (number of years)

grade school_____ high school_____ vocational_____ college_____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st_____ Dates_____ 1st_____ Dates_____

2nd_____ Dates_____ 2nd_____ Dates_____

3rd_____ Dates_____ 3rd_____ Dates_____

4th_____ Dates_____ 4th_____ Dates_____

Religion_____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc._____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather_____ Date_____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-2 or B-2) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Robert Milan Guthrie
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date September 5, 1924
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Engineer
Residence Rockford, Il. Marital Status Married
Number of children two Death

2. Name Ronald Melville Guthrie
Place of birth Cicago, Illinois date April 17, 193
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Fireman
Residence Des Plaines, Il. Marital Status Married
Number of children Four Death

3. Name Ruth Lorraine Guthrie (Wittenberg)
Place of birth Chicago, Illinois date July 10, 1920
Number of years of schooling 18 Occupation Hotel Manager
Residence Oregon Marital Status Married
Number of children four Death

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children Death

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-2, D-2)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Amelia Bozanich (Guthrie)
Place of birth Chisholm, Minn. date Feb. 28, 1924
Number of years of schooling fourteen Occupation Homemaker & Singer
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children two death

2. Name Alexander Bozanich
Place of birth Butte, Montana date July 13, 1918
Number of years of schooling Fourteen Occupation Salesman
Residence Hendersonville, T Marital Status Married
Number of children three death

3. Name Gordan Bozanich
Place of birth Chisholm, Minn. date April 24, 1920
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Retired
Residence Alan Park, Michigan Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children three death

4. Name Anna Bozanich (Coogan)
Place of birth Chisholm, Minn. date March 14, 1922
Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation Nurse
Residence Whittier, Cal. Marital Status married
Number of children none death

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

E. Your Father

Name Robert Milan Guthrie Current Residence Rockford, Illinois

Date of birth September 5, 1924 Place of birth Chicago, Illinois

Date of Death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 8

Occupation(s)			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Lowden & Co.	Dates Sept. 51-Dec. 51		1st Chicago, Illinois	Dates 1924-53
2nd Barber Coleman	Dates Dec. 52-May. 64		2nd Milwaukee Wis.	Dates 1953-55
3rd Fastener Engineers	Dates May.-64 to Ja. 76		3rd Pittsburg Penn.	Dates 1955-59
4th Rockford Manufacture	Dates Feb 1, 1976		4th Rockford, Illinois	Dates 59-pres.

Religion Protestant

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Boy Scouts

Republican, Mason, Triangle Fraternity, Engineering Societies.

Place of marriage to your mother Park Ridge Il. date August 4 1951

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

F. Your Mother

Name Amelia Guthrie (Bozanich) Current Residence Rockford, Illinois

Date of birth Feb. 28, 1924 Place of birth Chisholm, Minn.

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational continuing college 1

Occupation(s)			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st U.S. Treasury Dept. Filer	Dates 1943-1944		1st Chicago, Ill.	Dates 1943-53
2nd DeYoung Studio Sec.	Dates 1944-1951		2nd Milwaukee, wis.	Dates 53-55
3rd Homemaker & Singer	Dates 1951 - pres.		3rd Pitsburg, Penn.	Dates 1955-59
4th _____	Dates _____		4th Rockford, il.	Dates 59-pres

Religion Serbian Orthodox

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc.

Republican, Mendelssohn Club, Symphony Singers

Place of marriage to your father Chicago, Illinois date August 4, 1951

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

F-2 Stepfather

Name _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates ___

2nd _____ Dates ___

3rd _____ Dates ___

4th _____ Dates ___

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of death _____ Place of burial _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college ___

Occupation(s)

1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates ___

2nd _____ Dates ___

3rd _____ Dates ___

4th _____ Dates ___

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN OF E AND F (or E-2,F-2) -YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR BELOW

1. Name Michael Nicholas Guthrie
Place of birth Pittsburg, Penn. Date of birth August 2, 1957
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Student
Residence Rockford, Ill. Marital Status single
Number of children none death

2. Name Pam Ellen Guthrie
Place of birth Pittsburg, Penn. Date of birth May 24, 1955
Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation Student
Residence Chicago, Ill. Marital Status single
Number of children none death

3. Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

. Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth Date of birth
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Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children death

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Signed Michael N. Guthrie

Date May 11, 1976

GENEALOGY CHART

Mike Guthrie
Born: 8-2-57
Married:
Died:

Robert Guthrie
Father
B 9-5-1924
M 8-4-51
D

Melville Guthrie
Grandfather
B 7-10-1894
M 4-23-1917
D

Robert Melville Guthrie
B 5-26-1851
M
D 2-4-1935

Ida May Blakely
B 5-3-1868
D 1-12-1803

Martha Fisher
Grandmother
B 1-23-1898
D

Milan Fisher
B 6-8-1872
M 4-21-1897
D 3-26-54

Lillian Dufield
B 3-21-1875
D 2-3-1927

Amelia Bozanich
Mother
B 2-28-1924
D

Nick Bozanich
Grandfather
B 8-15-1890
M 6-17-1917
D 4-12-1924

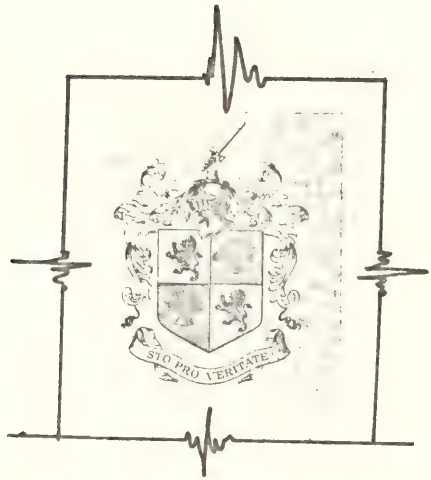
Michael Bozanich
B
M
D 1888

Amelia Vranesh
B
D 1907

Sophie Rajacich
Grandmother
B 3-23-1894
D

Nicolas Rajacich
B 4-15-1867
M
D 3-1-1924

Anna Similjanich
B 4-5-1876
D 7-14-1956



GUTHRIE

Note On Sources

— The Guthrie Family Crest was taken from:

The Compendium of American Genealogy, edited by Frederick Adams Virkus, F.I.A.G., The Institute of American Genealogy, Chicago, 1937, Volume VI, pg. 263.

— The origins of the Guthrie surname were taken from a legend offered to Mike Guthrie as a small boy, from his grandfather, Melville Guthrie, and from the pamphlet, "A Quaker Pastoral Minister", generously supplied by Jon Fritsch.

— The historical information on the Guthrie, Bozanich, and Rajacich families were taken from interviews conducted by Mike Guthrie:

Robert Guthrie on the subject of the Guthrie family, April 26, 1976.
Amelia Guthrie on the subject of the Bozanich and Rajacich families, April 26, 1976.

— The listings of the family tree were taken from information offered by Melville Guthrie in a letter to Mike Guthrie.

— The Robert Guthrie family photographs, publication articles, pamphlets, and vital records contributed towards information contained in this history.

Preface

Origins of the Surname, Guthrie, are legendary and obscure, but there is a resemblance between the name of the Danish Chieftain, Guthrum, and Guthrie. The name is probably derived from the Gaelic, Gaothaire, describing a place or locale as being "windy". Misspellings ann corruptions of the name by scribes of the past include: Guthery, Guthry, Gutrey, Gutrie, Guttery, Guttry, Guthriel, Guthrey, Guthridge, Gutteridge.

One legend has it that a lone traveller hiking through the Scotish Highlands came across a fisherman. The fisherman, on his way home with his catch, generously invited the weary traveller into his home for supper. As the two got within shouting distance of the fisherman's home, the fisherman called out to his wife "Gut three fish for dinner". It seems that after this particular event, the fisherman took up the practice of bringing lone travellers into his home for dinner. In those days, the call, "Gut three fish for dinner", was quite frequently heard in the hills of the Scotish Highlands. However, because of the effect of echoing, only the words, " Gut three ...", were distinguishable from afar. Thus, the fisherman's neighbors began to refer to him as that "Gut three". It soon became a sort of a title for the man.

Part I, A.

Paternal Grandfather

Melville McDougal Guthrie
born-Stickney, Illinois
July 10,1894

Part I, B.

Paternal Grandmother

Martha Florence Fisher
born-Woodstock, Illinois
January 23, 1898

Paternal Grandparents Life Together

Melville McDougal Guthrie
and
Martha Florence Fisher

The circumstances of just how Melville Guthrie, and Martha Fisher met are not known. All that is known is that their relationship began in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The two were married on April 23, 1917, in Clearing Methodist Church. The church is believed to still stand in the town of Clearing, Illinois.

The Fall following his wedding, Melville Guthrie enterred the United States Army, which was engaged in World War I. He received his training in the state of Georgia, with the Dixie Division. He saw action in Brest, France,1918, as a signal corpsman for the artillary. With the end of the War in 1918, Melville Guthrie was sent back to the United States and was discharged in the same year at Camp Grant, outside of Rockford, Illinois. He then came home to live with his wife in Clearing, Illinois.

During the World War I years, Martha Guthrie is thought to have worked for Boy Needle Company as an assembler. When her husband returned after the War, in 1918, she became a homemaker. She has continued to be a homemaker up to the present time.

Between the years 1918-1924, Melville Guthrie and his wife lived in Clearing, Illinois, and then in Ravenswood, Illinois, where their first child was born, Ruth Loraine Guthrie, on July 10, 1920.

From Ravenswood, the family moved on to a house which Melville began building in the spring of 1924. He was to

finnish the second story of the house in 1938. Ninety-five per cent of the house was completed in 1925. It was here, at 4845 North Meade Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, that Robert Milan Guthrie was born on September 5, 1924. In 1933, Melville's and Martha's last child, Ronald Melville Guthrie, was born on April 17,1933. In 1924 When Robert was born, the Guthrie house on North Meade Avenue had no electricity, and Meade Avenue itself was unpaved.

The Melville Guthrie family had close relatives within fifteen minutes driving range. Martha's sister, Alas, and her husband George, also lived in Chicago during the years 1918-1952. Martha's maternal grandfather, John Dufield, and a daughter of his (Martha's Aunt) were also on hand for visits. Melville's father had three sisters, Robinet, Muriel, and Laurel, which all were part of family gatherings. It seems the Melville Guthrie's always did the visiting, since they were the only ones with a car in the earlier years.

The Melville Guthrie family moved to Park Ridge, Illinois in 1938, and remained ther untill 1952. It was during these years that thier three chidren left home. Ruth left home in 1944. Robert left home in 1943. Ronald left home in 1952.

The Melville Guthries were of average wealth. Melville's first employment as a married man after the War, was with the Beltline Rail Road, as a Fireman in 1920-1927. The Rail Road serviced the Chicago area during those years. Between the years1920-1927, Melville went to work for H. L. Fisher Manufacturing Company, a company founded by Martha's grandfather, and run by Martha's father at that time. The family lost the business in 1932. The business is still operating today in Chicago with the same name.

In 1927, Melville left H. L. Fisher Manufacturing for George T. Schmidt Company, which manufactured marking tools. He continued working there until 1952, whereupon he retired. Throughout all of his working life, even during the Depression years, Melville Guthrie never spent a day unemployed.

The Melville Guthries' were of the Protestant Christian faith, being members of a Methodist Church. Religion did not make much of a difference, or impression on family life, however. Family Bible studies were not part of the family practice.

The family bought their first radio in 1929. They acquired their own,first television set in 1947. The first car Melville bought was in 1919-a used black Dodge Sedan. The Dodge, which was a crank starter, was unuseable sometime in the mid 1920's. A second car was bought in 1929-a Model T Ford, which was black.

When the Guthries retired in 1952, they moved to Southern California's San Fernando Valley. They then moved again to Lake Isabella in 1972. At the time of this writing, the two are contemplating moving from the remote area of Lake Isabella, for their advanced age requires some special attentions.

During their retirement years, both Melville and Martha have beenvery active. Melville keeps busy with his Veterans of World War I Post, while Martha enjoys her Woman's Auxilary group. The two have always travelled exstensively, having visited six of the seven world continents. Together, in 1947, the two enterred an elite group of travellers by visiting Central America in a Trailer, using a train to carry the trailer at times. Not many people have then, or since attempted such a trip. Melville was always mechanically orientated, and today

he uses his skills for several related hobbies, including inventions. Presently, he is working on a gadget that will allow one to play an organ with a harmonica. It sounds like it has potential for folks with Arthritis.

Father

Robert Milan Guthrie
born-Chicago, Illinois
September 5, 1924

Part II, A.

Maternal Grandfather

Nich Bozanich
born- Bosnia, Austria-Hungary
June 17, 1890

Part II, B.

Maternal Grandmother

Sophie Riajacich
born-Lika, Austria-Hungary
March 23, 1899

Maternal Grandparents Life Together

Nick Bozanich
and
Sophie Rajacich

Nick Bozanich was born of a Serbian culture within Austria-Hungary, on August 15, 1890. He had no schooling at all. In 1907, when Nick was 17, his family immigrated to Butte, Montana, in the United States of America. Here Nick went to work as a Copper Miner. It is not clear when, but Nick, on his own, moved to Chisolm, Minnesota, wherehe worked in an Iron Ore Mine It was here that he met his future wife, Sophie Rajacich.

Sophie Rajacich was also born within a Serbian culture in Austria-Hungary. She was born on March, 1894. She had six years of schooling. In 1907, at the age of 13, her family came to the United States, settling in Chisholm, Minnesota. Her mother ran a boarding house, where many mine-workers stayed to live.

The two met under rather strange circumstances. Nick's cousin, it seems, was a boarder of Sophie's house. One day he brought Nick to the house for a meal . Sophie was scubbing the floors as Nick came for the lunch. He saw her there for the first time, and immediately decided to marry her. Sophie agreed with the arrangement, though her mother did not, thinking Sophie's position was above Nick's position, who was a poor miner.

The two were soon married in Chisholm, despite Sophie's mother's wishes, in a traditional Serbian Orthodox wedding. The wedding took place on June 17, 1917 in the Serbian Orthodox Church. Sophie's mother did not attend the wedding.

After their marriage, Nick Bozanich brought his bride to Butte, Montana. It is not known where the pair lived during this time. Here, Nick once again worked in the Copper Mines. The family stayed in Butte untill 1919, whereuon they returned to Chisholm, Minnesota, where they stayed until their retirement in 1945.

The family, while in Chisholm, lived in a small , four room home. It was a wooden, two-story sructure on 6th. street, which was still standing in the mid-sixties. There was a train yard across the way, which was very busy during the tweenties and thirties.

For all of his working life, Nick Bozanich was a miner. As soon as he came to America, he worked in the Copper mines of Butte Montana. He again worked in these mines in the years 1917-1919, after returning fromChisholm, Minnesota with his wife. The type of work that he did in these minds is unknown. While living and working in Chisholm, Minnesota, Nick worked in Iron Ore mines. These minds were within reasonable walking distanceof his home on sixth street. Nick shoveled Ore into cars, eiht hours aday, five days a week. He was paid by the car, making probably $150.0 aweek. He would be working one of either three shifts, depending on the particular week. The morning shift was between 7:00A.M. - 3:00P.M.; the afternoon shift was 3:00P.M.-11:P.M.; the nightly shift was between the hours of 11:00P.M. and 7:00A.M.

During the couple's Butte, Montana years,(1917-1919), they had one child. Alexander Bozanich was born on July 13, 1918 in Butte. While the couple lived in Chisholm (1919-1945), they had three children, Gordan Bozanich, born April 24, 1920; Anna Bozanich, born March 14,1922; and Amelia Bozanich, born Febuary 28, 1924. During these Chisholm years, the family

children would ride the train a few miles outside of town and spend the afternoon picking Blueberries. They would then return on the train at night.

Sophie's brothers and sisters literaly grew up with her own children, she being the oldest of her family. The two families lived close together in Chisolm, and were constantly together. Sophie's siblings were of the Rajacich family. There names were Merkle, Fred, Neil, Mildred and Bob.

Alexander Bozanich left home for college in 1936. He studied in Tennesse. Gordan left home in 1941. He enterred the United States Army, and served as an infantry man during World War II, in England. Anna Bozanich left home for good in 1942, going to Chicago, Illinois to study in a hospital towards nursing. Amelia Bozanich left home in 1943 for work and music study in Chicago.

The Nick Bozanich family were members of the Serbian Orthodox. The attended mass every week, which was 2 hours long and in the Serbian Language. Only the Choir and Priest would sing during a service. The Serbian Orthodox Church, being on a calender different from the rest of institutionalized Christianity, observes Christmas on January 7. On Saturdays children learn how to read and write in Serbian, at the church.

A wedding, Serbian style, is quite a gay occasion. There is an hour long ceremony, during which the Bride and Groom must walk around an alter three times, with there party chanting behind them, and many bells ringing. During all of this, the Priest is singing andburning incense. Vows are repeated. After the wedding, there traditionaly is much feasting, drinking, and dancing for three days straight. one particular dance done is The so called "Pillow Dance". All of the guests form

a circle with the Bride in the center, who is holding the pilliow. The Bride then places the pillow infront of some male guest, who then placess money in her apron and kisses her.

The Nick Bozanich family was, even according to Depression Era standards, quite poor. Yet, the family did not know they were poor, as their condition was all they knew. Nearly everyone in Chisholm was in the same financial condition. Only miners, with the exceptions of a few storeowners and Professionals, lived in Chisholm. All of the mining management people would live in near-by Hibbing, Minnesota.

The Bozaniches' first radio was purchasedin 1937. It is not known when their first television set was bought. The family never did own a car, as everything was within walking distance. The Bozanich childre never had a vehicle of any kind. However, the neighborhood children all shaired one neighborhood scooter.

Nick Bozanich was hospitalized in 1943 for two years, having contracted the deadly Black Lung Disease. During those two years, Sophie went to live in Chisholm with her. When Nick was released from the hospital in 1945, they both retired and sought the warmer climate of Elsinore, California. Nick latter died from his disease on April 12, 1958.

Sophie Bozanich has since lived alone in Elsinore, being supported by her daughter and son-in-law, Anna Coogan and husband. She is presently active in the Serbian Orthodox Church in Elsinore.

Mother

Amelia Bozanich
born-Chisholm, Minnesota
February 28, 1924

Part III , A.

Parents Life Together

Robert Mian Guthrie
and
Amelia Bozanich

Robert Milan Guthrie, born on September 5, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois, is presently a Mechanical Engineer. To reach this goal, he went through twenty years of schooling, including grade school. Graduating from Maine Township High Scool in 1942, he then went to the Illinois Institute of Technology for his first three semesters, in the fall of 1942.

In the fall of 1943, he decided to enter the United States Merchant Marine, as the United States was at War. Robert spent three months in Basic training, and then went to sea in the Atlantic from January, 1944 to August of 1944. He served on an Oil Tanker first, then on an Ammunitions Ship. In September of 1944, Robert attended the Merchant Marine Academy, King's Point. Because of the accelerated wartime program, he graduated in September of 1945. He then spent some duty time in the Pacific,and then again in the Atlantic, transporting "British Brides" to America-British girls who had married American servicemen in Europe.

Then, in July of1946, Robert returned to start the summer semester at I.I.T., where he graduated from on January of 1949. He attended Northwestern University nightly in the years 1949,1950,1951 and 1964, when he graduated. In all, Robert received a Bachelor of Science from King's Point; a Bachelor of Science and Mechanical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology; and a Master of Business Education from Northwestern University.

While living at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Guthrie, during the years of 1946-1948, Robert worked

as a Draftsman for George T. Schmidt, and then as a Junior Engineer for Rand McNally. It was here that he gained his valuable shop experiece. Then, in January of 1948, till April of 1951, Robert worked as a salesman for Powers Regulator Company. The company manufactured controls for water safety-temperature devices.

From 1949 -1951, Robert served in the Illinois National Gaurd, as a Sergeant. He left the Gsurd inorder to marry Amelia Bozanich in the summer of 1951.

Amelia Guthrie spent the entire first part of her life in Chisholm, Minnessota, having been born there on February 28, 1924. She attended Chisholm Highschool, where she sang solos, and also played 1st violin, 3rd chair. Upon Graduating from Highschool in 1942, she attended Virginia Junior College in Minnesota for one year, majoring in in music and violin.

In 1943, Amelia moved to Cicago, Illinois to further her studies in music. She was forced to sell her violin for her rent, but she continued to sing,studying under Richard DeYoung. During these years, 1943-1951, She sang in churches, and performed in the opera "The Bartered Bride". In 1951, Amelia gave up a promising career in the opera to marry Robert Guthrie.

While singing at Park Ridge Methodist Church, sometime in January, of 1950, Amelia was asked out on a date by one of the Church members, Robert Guthrie. Their relationship grew in a year and a halfs time, and the two were married in the same church they met at on August 5, 1951.

Robert then woked for Lowden & Company in September of 1951, quiting in December of 1951. He then went to work for Barber-Colman in December of 1952. In 1953 the Company transferred Robert to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Amelia, who was still

taking voice lessons from DeYoung in Chicago, commuted to her teacher once a week, until 1955, when the Company transferred the family to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was then that Amelia studied under Mrs. Russell at the Pittsburgh Institute of Music.

During these Pittsburgh years, Robert and Amelia had two children. Pamela Ellen Guthrie, who was born on May 24, 1955, and Michael Nicholas Guthrie, who was born on August 2, of 1957.

In 1959, Robert Guthrie was transferred to Barber Colman in Rockford, Illinois. Amelia again took voice lessons from Mr. Richard DeYoung until his death in 1960. She then studied under Katherine Witwer, who died in 1964. Amelia did not study music between 1964 and 1966. In 1966, Mr. Behr of Chicago became her voice teacher. Also, she now studies under Rhea Shelters, whom she begain with in 1974. Both voice teachers are in Chicago,

In May of 1964, Robert left Barber-Colman to work for Fastener Engineers, Inc. as Vice President and Manager of Sales and Engineering. He stayed with the Company for twelve years, and in February of 1976 formed a new Company: Rockford Manufacturing Group, Inc. This new Company is basically in the manufacture of special machine tools for the fastener industry: wire drawing machinery.

When the Guthrie family first moved to Rockford, they lived at 4007 Seward street. They lived at that address for eight years, then moved to the Northeast side of town to their present home, at 2123 Silverthorn, in Rockford, in 1968. The couple's first child, Pamela Ellen, left home in 1973, after her graduation from Guilford High School. She now lives in Chicago, while study- at North Park College.

The family's favorite vacation spot is Southern Utah, where such natural beautiful grounds ~~xxx~~ as are in Zion National Park. The family has travelled to Zion National Park four times in the last 17 years. Also, Southern California is a popular area for the Robert Guthries, as various groups of relatives reside in the area.

MY LIFE

MICHAEL NICHOLAS GUTHRIE
Born: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 2, 1957

I was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 2, 1957. At the age of two, my family moved from Pittsburgh to Rockford, Illinois.

My schooling began in the kindergarten of Rolling Green School in 1964, at age five. I remained at Rolling Green up through the fourth grade, when I moved to 2123 Silverthorn in 1968. I then attended Spring Creek grade school for my 5th and 6th grade schooling. My junior high years were spent at Marsh Junior High School. I then graduated from Guilford Senior High School with the Class of 1975. After high school, I attended two semesters of college at Rock Valley Junior College, Rockford, Illinois. This included the fall term of 1975 and the spring term of 1976.

Certainly my most precious experience was on the night of April 15, 1974. It was on that night that I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. But my Relationship with God is not a memory of that night, instead, it carrys on into every day that I allow God to influence my life, to remake my character into the sort of character it is supposed to be. The self-acceptance I have experienced because of a faith of God's forgiveness for my mistakes, and from a Knowledge of His love for me, has truly freed me to be more of the person I ought to be. I am thankful for God's influence in both my life, and in other peoples lives. He has been, and will be teaching me how to love others, my self, and Him. A relationship with god through Christ has been my thrilling adventure. Life as God intended it to be.

HADFIELD, SCOTT LEE, 1954-

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   ✓ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ✓ Photographs ___ Maps ✓ Other

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Henry Arthur Hadfield Current Residence —
If dead, date of death 9 1 1951

Place of birth Berwyn, Illinois Date of Birth Sept 10, 1857

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st Meat Trucker Dates 1906-
2nd Knox Motors-mechanic Dates 1933
3rd Barber Coleman-Toolmaker Dates 1936
4th Midland Bottle Cap Toolmaker Dates 1946

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st 7th St. Beloidere Ill Dates 1917
2nd 7th & Union St. Beloidere Ill Dates 1918
3rd W. Jackson ST. Beloidere Dates 1928
4th Maple Ave. Beloidere Ill Dates 1933

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican Club
Beloidere, Illinois, Republican

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Beloidere, Ill. date 1917

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Lola Hadfield (Vincent) Current Residence —
If dead, date of death June 15, 1933

Place of birth Beloidere, Ill. Date of birth Jan. 7, 1893

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st Cashier-Meat Market-Beloidere Ill. Dates 1912-1917
2nd _____ Dates _____
3rd _____ Dates _____
4th _____ Dates _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st 7th St. Beloidere, Ill Dates 1917
2nd 7th & Union St. Beloidere Dates 1918
3rd W. Jackson St. Beloidere Dates 1928-33
4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Methodist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican

Place of marriage to your grandfather Beloidere, Ill. DATE 1917

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

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Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name Henry Wm. Meier Current Residence --
If dead, date of death 5/7/1952

Place of birth Davenport, Iowa Date of birth Nov. 24, 1867
Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school ____ vocational 1 college ____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Hardware Store Clerk Dates 1912 1st Ripley St. Davenport, Iowa Dates 1912
2nd Standard Oil Clerk Dates 1919 2nd 12 St Davenport, Iowa Dates 1920
3rd Sinclair Refining Co. Salesman-Mgr Dates 1920 3rd 1501 Elm St, Davenport, Iowa Dates 1926
4th Owner Sinclair Dealership Dates 1935 4th 2417 Oxford St, Rockford, Ill Dates 1938

Religion Episcopalian
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican, Kiwanis, Masons, Knight Templar, Shriner, Masonic Lodge, Sec County Club, Rotary Philanthropic Club, Ambulance, Elks
Place of marriage to your grandmother Davenport, Iowa date Nov. 20, 1920
Note: If your mother was raised by a ~~stepfather or another relative (to age 18)~~
give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Leona Alvina Meier (Puck) Current Residence 1224 N. State St. Belvidere, Ill
If dead, date of death ____

Place of birth Walcott, Iowa Date of birth May 15, 1869
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 2 vocational 2 college ____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Payroll Clerk - Sec'y Rock Island Arsenal Dates 1918 1st 12 St Davenport, Iowa Dates 1920
2nd Sec'y Boone Co Belvidere Dates 1944-1961 2nd 1501 Elm St. Davenport, Iowa Dates 1926
3rd ____ Dates ____ 3rd 2417 Oxford St. Rockford, Ill Dates 1938

Religion Episcopalian
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican, Belvidere Business & Professional Women's Club, Rockford Women's Club, Belvidere Women's Club, Bel Mar Country Club
Place of marriage to your grandfather Davenport, Iowa date Nov. 20, 1920
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18)
give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Kenneth Arthur Hadfield
Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois date May 5, 1918
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence - deceased Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children 2

2. Name Boyd Vincent Hadfield
Place of birth Belvidere, Ill date May 25, 1933
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Air Transportation Worker
Residence Elgin, Ill. Marital Status Married
Number of children 0

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name Ruth Anne (Meier) Hatfield
Place of birth Beaumont, Texas date May 23, 1922
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Elementary School Teacher
Residence 704 N. Sixth, Belvidere, Ill Marital Status Married
Number of children 6

2. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name Kenneth Arthur Hadfield Current Residence —
If dead, date of death Jan. 14, 1957

Place of birth Beloidere, Illinois Date of birth May 5, 1915
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Tool + die apprentice Dates ____ 1st 616 [illegible] Dates ____

2nd Service Station sales Dates ____ 2nd [illegible] Dates ____

3rd Oil driver - salesman Dates [illegible] 3rd [illegible] Dates [illegible]

4th Oil + Gas dealership owner - Dates ____ 4th ____ Dates ____

Religion Methodist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Beloidere Masonic Lodge, Freeport Consistory, V.F.W., Am. Legion, Belmar Country Club, Republican

Place of marriage to your mother Rockford, Illinois date Feb 15, 1947

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Ruth Mae Hadfield (Meier) Current Residence 722 N. State St, Beloidere Ill
If dead, date of death ____

Place of birth Davenport, Iowa Date of birth 5/23/1922
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational ____ college 4 +

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Payroll Dept. Dates 1946 - [illegible] 1st 616 Olivia, Beloidere Ill Dates 1947 - [illegible]

2nd Substitute Teacher Dates 1954 - [illegible] 2nd 903 Allen St. Beloidere Ill Dates 1948 - [illegible]

3rd Elementary Teacher Dates [illegible] 3rd 722 N. State St. Beloidere Ill Dates 1950

Religion Episcopalian

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Kappa Delta, Jr. Woman's Club + Sr. Woman's Club Beloidere, Belmar Country Club

Place of marriage to your father Rockford, Illinois date Feb. 15, 1947

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name Raymond A Clogston
If dead, date of death -

Place of birth Belvidere, Illinois Date of birth Aug. 13, 1915
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 1

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion Methodist
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican, Masonic Belvidere Lodge
Place of marriage to your mother Lombard, Illinois Date July 7, 1960

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

PLACE OF RESIDENCE
(after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Kenneth Arthur Hadfield Jr
Place of birth Belvidere, Ill Date of birth JAN. 31, 1948
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Personnel Dept. Plant Coordinator
Residence Carpentersville, Illinois Marital Status Married
Number of children 1

Name Scott Lee Hadfield
Place of birth Belvidere, Date of birth MAY 5, 1954
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation - Student
Residence 722 N State, Belvidere, Ill. Marital Status Single
Number of children 0

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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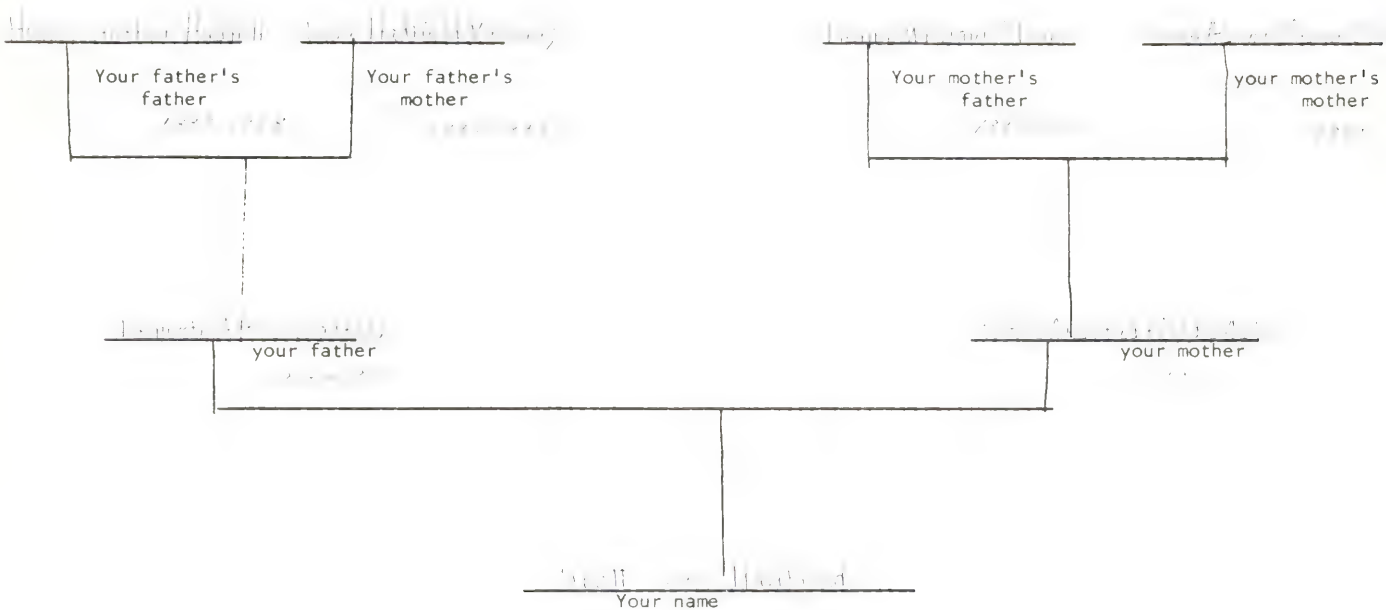

Henry [illegible] Thomas

My paternal grandfather, Henry Arthur [illegible] was born in Aurora, Illinois on September 1[illegible], 1[illegible]. [illegible] 1[illegible], 19[illegible] at age 71. Since [illegible] only [illegible] of him, my recollections of him are limited. In addition, all living members of his family are deceased, making acquisition of information extremely difficult and time consuming.

The family lived in a large two story, [illegible] house in Aurora. Henry had two older sisters and one older brother, none of them married and all died before Henry. Both of Henry's parents had come from England near Bristol and had no other relatives in the United States. [illegible] died when his sisters and brothers were in their late teens. The family remained in their home, and following the completion of their high school education, the older brother [illegible] and the sisters went to work. Their mother kept house, and through the work of the young people the family was able to maintain the home and stay together. Henry later moved to Three Oaks, Michigan, but the unmarried daughters remained at home all their lives, later caring for their aged mother until her death and then for each other until their deaths.

The family house was large enough that the two girls and the two boys each shared rooms, with also a room for their parents. Later when Henry left home, separate rooms for each sister and their mother were made available. The property was owned by Henry's father and mother and [illegible]

to go to the [illegible]. She and [illegible] [illegible] the house and sold it in [illegible] following the death of the last family member.

Delicious [illegible] made by [illegible] as well as [illegible], and [illegible] family [illegible]. [illegible] were [illegible] used to aid in child rearing or discipline, and [illegible] to celebrate holidays or special occasions.[illegible]

Henry completed high school and began [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] near [illegible], [illegible] to northern Illinois cities, including [illegible]. He remained [illegible] in the support of his mother until [illegible], when at age [illegible] he left to marry my grandmother [illegible] and [illegible] his home in [illegible]. (see picture 1.) Henry's family kept close contact with his brother in Michigan, but otherwise the family remained quite alone.

LOLA [illegible]

My paternal grandmother, Lola [illegible], [illegible] Belvidere, Illinois on January 7, 1[illegible]. [illegible] my father was fifteen, my knowledge of her is limited to records and others' accounts.

Her family had moved from [illegible] City, [illegible] Belvidere, Illinois when her oldest brother Clyde was [illegible] old. Among the five children of the family, an older [illegible] died shortly after birth and a younger sister [illegible] age of one. Thus, the family consisted of [illegible], [illegible] brothers and her parents.

The family lived in a large seven room [illegible] home in the southwest side of Belvidere.. Later [illegible] Lola's older brother Clyde married, he built [illegible] ly behind his parents, on land owned by his [illegible]. At home Lola's family was fairly well off. She had her own room while her parents and brothers each shared [illegible].

Lola's father worked for the Belvidere [illegible] sion of the National Sewing Machine Company, a major local employer at that time. Lola's brother Clyde recalls that most decisions were made by their mother while their father only required that his dinner be served on time and that he be seated at the head of his table. Almost all [illegible] decisions concerning discipline and child rearing were also left to the mother.

Lola had relatives [illegible] of the family who [illegible] [illegible], birthdays, and holidays were all [illegible] members of the family. [illegible] of the family [illegible] the methodist church and [illegible] school activities. A great deal of their spare time was spent [illegible] the [illegible] family [illegible] which provided a [illegible] and vegetables which were used and canned by the family.

Lola and her brother [illegible] were both [illegible] by their parents in completing high school, but their [illegible] brother Clyde felt it necessary to quit high school and go to work. Lola received part of the family land [illegible] brother's [illegible] [illegible] parent's home.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] was expected to go to work and did at the [illegible] of [illegible] Livermore's [illegible] [illegible]. The parents and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] followed their father's job.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sold her home after the death of Lola's father and moved in with brother [illegible], thus Lola's family [illegible] to stay very close together. Lola's brother [illegible] moved to [illegible], but was close enough to be [illegible] in family [illegible]. Lola [illegible] at work as a [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] until she met her husband [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] in 1916, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] street, [illegible] himself, and [illegible] the family [illegible] several years. (see picture [illegible]) [illegible] plan for the family of three.

Most of [illegible]'s spare time after [illegible] proving his house or working in the large [illegible]. [illegible] their immediate relatives, these cousins and their families joined the family for Sunday get-togethers once a month, each month's party being at a different family's [illegible]. They were also together for all holidays and special occasions. As more children came into the group, it [illegible] larger, but one Sunday a month was still spent together until the 1940's when the family spread further apart. (see Figure 1)

[illegible]

Germany. [illegible] the only one of her family to come to [illegible], [illegible] her husband in Davenport, Iowa.

[illegible] hours when work was available and [illegible]. He was the eldest of five children and [illegible] to come to the United States [illegible] he did not want to serve [illegible] of [illegible] the family [illegible], Germany and [illegible] with them until [illegible] death of his parents and most of his brothers [illegible].

Since Henry and his parents had no family [illegible] their own, holidays and celebrations were [illegible] or with a few [illegible]. However, [illegible] plentiful and celebrations were [illegible].

All [illegible], including [illegible], [illegible], family [illegible], [illegible]. He [illegible] first, [illegible], [illegible] was served first. [illegible] own [illegible].

[illegible], they were [illegible], [illegible] up the [illegible], [illegible] sister [illegible].

When Henry was only ten, his mother [illegible]. [illegible] father wanted to keep the family together, [illegible] sided that Henry's [illegible] school and [illegible] to the looking, sewing, and [illegible] needed the [illegible] the daughter's factory [illegible].

Henry was allowed to [illegible] and [illegible] his first job [illegible] father [illegible] at a harvest [illegible], following his sixth [illegible]. He was not interested in the [illegible] expected [illegible], [illegible] tain more [illegible]. He later went to [illegible] at night [illegible] his own [illegible].

Before [illegible] Henry left [illegible] in-law [illegible] overseas [illegible] in the [illegible], [illegible] in the [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] AT [illegible]

[illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible], a [illegible] vehicle, [illegible] the [illegible]. (See picture p. [illegible]) [illegible] later [illegible] [illegible], also a Ford).

Sundays were spent visiting relatives in the [illegible] and [illegible] (picture p. [illegible]), as [illegible] [illegible] had a [illegible] in the early 1900's. Holidays and Thanksgiving were always family [illegible] [illegible] with both sides of the family [illegible]. The birthdays of my mother and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] family [illegible] the children.

William [illegible] played a major part [illegible] of my grandparents' early lives, but [illegible] college, [illegible] joined [illegible] Normal [illegible] and [illegible] active in the young people's group. [illegible] were married, they also joined the Episcopal Church and were both baptized, confirmed, and married there. Sunday church and young adult meetings made up a great part of their weekly routine. My mother was also sent to the Episcopal Sunday School and was baptized and confirmed at the church in Davenport.

[illegible] all the [illegible] decisions were made by my grand-father as his father before him. My mother, [illegible], was an only child and very little discipline was needed. Between the time my mother was [illegible], [illegible] traveled and was both mainly [illegible]. [illegible]

parents participated in [illegible].

[illegible] and Henry were able to [illegible] years well, [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] with the company. [illegible] with his brother and sisters, did however, [illegible] to his father [illegible].

My grandfather was very ambitious and [illegible] to better himself and his family. [illegible] with the [illegible]. He also bought land [illegible] along the [illegible]. He was also able to buy his own [illegible] through [illegible] his [illegible] four employees in [illegible], [illegible] for his fuel and oil business and [illegible] stations which he leased [illegible] stations. [illegible] Davenport, Iowa [illegible] the end of [illegible] Street [illegible]. [illegible] in Henry's life could be [illegible], residential, social, and educational [illegible].

Education was of major importance to my grandfather, and he insisted on sending my [illegible], my mother recalls that he [illegible]. He [illegible]

school to college. It was generally assumed that young [illegible], [illegible] college age, and [illegible] not expected to [illegible] responsibility until her education was completed.

My grandfather died suddenly in [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] ([illegible] 16), [illegible] [illegible] moved to [illegible] where she still resides at age [illegible]. She took care of her mother until [illegible]. Martha [illegible] in a [illegible] and [illegible] still [illegible] at age [illegible]. [illegible] still [illegible] newspaper [illegible]. [illegible] some members of the family try to get together about once a year or for special occasions.

in the Episcopal Church. In 1935, they took their first long trip, a [illegible] to [illegible] Texas. [illegible] part, in [illegible].

All [illegible] as to [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible]. [illegible] education was all important and [illegible] from my mother as well as participation in [illegible], debate, and other activities, [illegible] autobiography [illegible] 15. [illegible] in several [illegible] [illegible] own [illegible].

In high school in [illegible], [illegible] organizations. [illegible] of [illegible] and was [illegible] of the National Honor Society [illegible] Daughters.

Her father sent her to [illegible] College [illegible] the University of Wisconsin at Madison [illegible]. [illegible] while she went to school, she attended two summer [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

My father, Kenneth Arthur [illegible] was born [illegible] on May 13, 1917 in Belvidere, Illinois. My father died at the age of [illegible] in 19[illegible] [illegible], to my [illegible] of him as [illegible].

Kenneth [illegible] When he [illegible] his parents in Belvidere. I have pictures [illegible] grandparents [illegible] since they [illegible] to a larger house on the north side of Belvidere [illegible] had [illegible] and his father had a very large garden.

The family was also interested in music. [illegible] mother was an accomplished pianist, and [illegible] encouraged by her to play the piano [illegible]. The family was active in the Catholic church and Kenneth was confirmed in that church in Belvidere.

For the first fifteen years, the family [illegible] very close. Kenneth's brother [illegible] was born in 19[illegible] and his mother died shortly after the baby's birth at the age of [illegible]. The family pattern was then changed drastically. Kenneth's baby brother was sent to [illegible] and one of his father's unmarried sisters was to care for him. Within a year, the north side home was sold, and Kenneth and his father went to live with his deceased mother's brother, [illegible] and his family where they remained until my father graduated from Belvidere High School.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

church every Sunday, both my brother and I [illegible]
until we graduated from high school.

[illegible]

[illegible]

It appears that in our family the maternal side had more material advantages and was more able to help each younger generation get started on their own. On the paternal side neither my grandfather, father, brother or I were reared completely by our natural parents since we all lost one of our parents while still youths. There also seems to be a greater family togetherness than in many families, but this also probably resulting from these unfortunate early deaths and the small size of our family.

HALL, VALERIE SUE WILT, 1946-

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   Date of form November 23, 1974

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   Rockford, Illinois

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FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Frank George Wilt Current Residence _____

If dead, date of death Fall of [illegible]

Place of birth Latrobe, Pa. Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Thresher ~~Latrobe, Pa.~~	Dates		1st Latrobe, Pa.	Dates
2nd	Dates		2nd	Dates
3rd	Dates		3rd	Dates
4th	Dates		4th	Dates

Religion Lutheran

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat

Latrobe, Pa. July 8, 1904

Place of Marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Emma Sophia Betler Current Residence _____

If dead, date of death Nov. 19, 1964

Place of birth Unity Township, Pa. Date of birth July 24 1884

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 2 vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) Domestic, Clerk, Postmistress

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Domestic	Dates		1st	Dates
2nd clerk	Dates		2nd	Dates
3rd Postmistress	Dates		3rd	Dates
4th	Dates		4th	Dates

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

Latrobe, Pennsylvania July 8, 1904

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ DATE _____

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name William Henry Johnell Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death July 12, 19[illegible]

Place of birth Toledo, Ohio Date of birth July 14, 18[illegible]
Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 1 college _____

Occupation(s)

1st	Barber	Dates	1st	Fort Wayne, Ind. (with his mother)	Dates
2nd	Drill Press Operator	Dates	2nd	With my mother	Dates
3rd		Dates	3rd	By himself until death	Dates
4th		Dates	4th		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Religion Lutheran
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat, Moose

Place of marriage to your grandmother Hillsdale, Michigan date Spring-1914
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Helena Martin Current Residence 3023 Inwood Dr. Fort Wayne, Ind.
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Fort Wayne, Indiana Date of birth August 13, 1899
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)

1st	Industrial plant worker	Dates	1st	Wayne St.- Fort Wayne	Dates
2nd		Dates	2nd	Inwood Dr.- Fort Wayne	Dates
3rd		Dates	3rd		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Religion Catholic
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Democrat

Place of marriage to your grandfather Hillsdale, Michigan date Spring-1914
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

CHILDREN of A. C. B. for [illegible] that's name should appear below

1. Name Stella Wilt
Place of birth Latrobe, Pa. date July [illegible], 1904
Number of years of schooling 10 Occupation Housewife
Residence Latrobe, Pa. Marital Status Married
Number of children two

2. Name Florence Mary Magdalene
Place of birth Latrobe, Pa. date July [illegible], 1906
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation Domestic
Residence Pitcairn, Pa. Marital Status Husband-Deceased
Number of children [illegible]

3. Name Hilary John Frank
Place of birth Latrobe, Pa. date April 15, 1908
Number of years of schooling 1[illegible] Occupation Farmer
Residence Latrobe, Pa. Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

4. Name Charles William
Place of birth Latrobe, Pa. date January 24, 1910
Number of years of schooling 15 Occupation Supervisor
Residence Marital Status
Number of children 4

5. Name Helen Alice
Place of birth Latrobe, Pa. date January, 1912
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] below

Name Valeria Marguerite
Place of birth Fort Wayne, Ind. Date [illegible]
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation [illegible]
Residence Churubusco, Ind. Marital Status Married
Number of children Four

Name
Place of birth Date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
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Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN (C-1 and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

Name Valeria Marguerite
Place of birth Fort Wayne, Ind. date Sept. 21, 1914
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence Churubusco, Ind. Marital Status Married
Number of children Four

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
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Residence Marital Status
Number of children

our Father

ame Charles William Wilt Current Residence

f dead, date of death August 16, 1965

lace of birth Latrobe, Pa. Date of birth January 24, 1910

ducation (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational 3 college

ccupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Factory Worker Dates 1st Wilt St. Dates

nd Draftsman Dates 2nd Edgewood Dr. Dates

rd Manager of G.E. Dates Until death 3rd Greenwood Ave. Dates 1945-1958

th Dates 4th Dellmere Dr. Dates 1958-1965

eligion Lutheran

olitical parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat

lace of marriage to your mother Toledo, Ohio date Jan. 23, 1932

OTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

our Mother

ame Valaria Marguerite Zimmerman Current Residence Windsor Dr. Churubusco, Ind.

f dead, date of death

lace of birth Fort Wayne, Ind. Date of birth Sept. 21, 1914

ducation (number of years)

grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

st Housewife Dates 1st Wilt St. Dates

nd Dates 2nd Edgewood Dr. Dates

rd Dates 3rd Greenwood Ave. Dellmere Dr. Dates 1945-1958 1958-1965

Religion Lutheran

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc Democrat

Place of marriage to your father Toledo, Ohio date Jan. 23, 1932

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name Connie Val Mueller
Place of birth Fort Wayne, Ind. Date of birth May 28, 1933
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation Housewife
Residence 2723 Otsego Dr.-Ft. Wayne Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

Name Charlene Julia Klim
Place of birth Ft. Wayne, Ind. Date of birth Aug. 24, 1934
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Teacher-Student
Residence Circleville, Ohio Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

Name Charles William Wilt Jr.
Place of birth Fort Wayne, Ind. Date of birth Dec. 21, 1942
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Personal Manager
Residence Columbus, Ind. Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

Name Valerie Sue Hall
Place of birth Fort Wayne, Ind. Date of birth Dec. 3, 1946
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Housewife-Student
Residence 3024 Jacqueline Ct. #8 Marital Status Married
Number of children 1

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Signed [illegible]

Date Dec. 3, 1974

Valerie Sue
B-Dec. 3, 1946

Father
Charles William
B-Jan. 24,1910
D-Aug. 16, 1965

GRANDFATHER
Frank Wilt
B-?
D-Fall of 1911

GREAT GRANDFATHER

GREAT GRANDMOTHER

Emma Sophia
B-July 24,1884
D-Nov. 19,1964

GRANDMOTHER

John Butler
B-Jan. 27,1854
D-Apr. 28, 1935

Mary Ida Zimmer
B-Jan. 21,1863
D-Sept. 19,1937

Valaria Marguerite
B-Sept. 21, 1914

MOTHER

GRANDFATHER
William Johnell
B-July 14,1893
D-July 16,1958

Julia Catherine
Duplain

Helena Martin
B-Aug.13,1899

GRANDMOTHER

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FOREWARD

The purpose of this paper is to portray to the reader a vivid and hopefully interesting picture of my ancestors and how they fit into the pyramid of society. Although I was not too enthusiastic when given this assignment by Mr. Schou, it has proved to be not only an interesting but rewarding and informative experience for me. It has actually been fun digging into my family history.

The information in this paper dates back to the early 1800s. Most of the material I received about my Father's ancestors was obtained from Elsie Bendel, my Great Aunt, who has been kind of a second mother to me through my life. She is a well educated brilliant woman involved deeply into the Republican Party. She and her husband took my father to Fort Wayne, Indiana where he remained the rest of his life.

The information about my Mother's ancestors was obtained through her with a little help from my Grandmother. The most interesting facts I was able to find in old family records. I hope that this paper will be of value to future generations.

GREAT GRANDPA AND GRANDMA BETLER

John Betler my great grandfather was born January 27, 1854 and died April 28, 1935. He was the son of Bartholemew Betler of Bern, Switzerland and Jeanette (maiden name unknown) of French descent. At age nineteen he came to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and married Mary Hosley who expired at the birth of their only son, John Henry Casper Betler, March 1, 1882. He married a second time to my great grandmother, Mary Ida Zimmer born January 21, 1862 and died September 19, 1937. She was the daughter of Stephen Zimmer and Juliana Seaman, of Warsitz, Germany. John and Mary purchased the Henry Betz Farm in Unity Township in 1893.

Children of this marriage were:

Anna Marie- Born - May 4, 1883
Died - July 25, 1884

Emma Sophia- Born - July 24, 1884
Died - November 19, 1964

Edward Jacob- Born - May 13, 1886
Died - December 15, 1893

Godfred Emil(Fred)- Born - May 4, 1888
Died - March 4, 1939

Henry Adolph- Born - September 17, 1889
Died - June 15, 1893

Clara Ida- Born - July 31, 1891

Albert William- Born-November 22, 1892
Died - September, 1896

Hilda Ernestine- Born - July 1, 1894
Died - June 24, 1965

Ida Pauline- Born- February 1, 1896

Alma Anna Marie- Born - December 12, 1898

Bertha Rosina- Born - May 4, 1900

Laura Frieda- Born - May 14, 1902

Henry Rudolph- Born - October 8, 1897
Died - January 1, 1970

Elsie Marie- Born - March 19, 1904

Alice Emily- Born - December 4, 1905

As the reader can well see my great grandparents were rather prolific parents.

GRANDMA WILT

Emma Sophia was born on July 24, 1884 to John and Mary Betler. She died on November 19, 1964. Emma married Frank Wilt July 3, 1903. The children of this marriage are as follows:

Stella- Born - July 8, 1904

Florence Mary Magdalene - July 20, [illegible]

Hilary John Frank- Born - April 19, 1908
Died - December 25, 1966

Charles William- Born - January 24, 1910
Died - August 16, 1965

Helen Alice- Born - January, 1912
Died - ?

My grandfather, Frank Wilt, was a thresher and was killed when he crawled under the machine and his neck scarf caught on a turning driveshaft and he was choaked to death in the fall of 1911. My Father was almost two years old and Helen was yet to be born the next January. The family was almost destitute after my grandfather's death so my grandmother did housecleaning for a living for several years and then was a clerk in the general store for a few years, then became the postmistress in Luxor, Pennsylvania.

My grandmother had a Mitz car when she lived at home. But most of the transportation was done on foot or horse and buggy. She went to a one room school with a pot bellied stove for the heater. She had no indoor plumbing when young nor did most people. Literally everyone had an "outhouse". Most everyone went to school through the eighth grade and quit school at age sixteen. As a result many boys and girls went to grade school until age sixteen and then quit.

My grandmother's parents were of the Lutheran faith, but the children attended Methodist Sunday School frequently. However, all of the fifteen children were baptised Lutheran. They lived on a farm and everyone helped with the chores. They had their own cows and chickens, and horses and always had plenty of milk, eggs and home made bread from the flour that was milled from their own wheat. The wheat was threshed and that day was a big day on the farm. All of the other farmers came to help on the threshing and the women cooked for the day.

Butchering day was another important day on the farm. Another important day for Grandma's family was when the women would get together and make home made apple butter. They would have an apple peeling party the eve before and all of the young people in the section came to help peel the apples which was topped off by great-grandmother serving pie and milk or doughnuts and coffee or milk.

The entertainment which was big with grandma's family and still is today, was square dancing. The family was invited to the dance at a private home and each family took his turn. At the Betler home they danced in the basement but many of the other neighbors danced in the kitchen or dining room.

The Betler family did not have electricity but had carbon oil lamps along with wood and coal for heat and cooking. They took their baths in a wash tub, whereby they heated the water on the coal stove. All of the kids went barefoot during the summer so in the evening everyone had a foot washing before bedtime.

Their living compared to ours today would be considered quite poor by our standards. But my grandmother's family did not consider themselves poor because everyone was in the same shape. One was just glad to have enough to wear and glad to have plenty of food on the table, as the women in the homes kept house, canned food, baked bread, pie and cake and sewed most of what they wore. My great grandfather made each of the fifteen kids a pair of shoes for each school year plus they got a pair of Artics from Sears Roebuck.

President Wilson was the president during the First World War. My Aunt Elsie(Grandma's sister and a very dear great aunt who gave me all of this information) was in High School, and she remembers everyone knitting patches for lap robes for the soldiers. This was when she and Grandma learned to knit. At that time as today, flour and sugar were very scarce but it did not affect them too much since they had their own produce etc. Aunt Elsie thinks that they learned at this time in their lives to get along with what they had and appreciated what they had.

The family homestead was a nine room farm house, and my father's was only five rooms. Of course, Grandma had no radio or television as a child, nor did my father. Great Grandpa Betler used to play the accordian and mouthharp and some of the children played the

mouthharp also. They also had an old organ and all of the family was able to "chord" on it. The family played card games such as Casino, Euchre, and Flinch. They also played checkers. These games served as the family's entertainment in the evenings. Aunt Elsie felt that their hobbies included a real family get together with a lot of good home cooking and after all of the dishes were done they played games. The family was closer knit than today because of the lack of television then. In the evenings some of the neighbors and their children would come to the house and play games with the Betler family and the parents would supervise the behavior of all.

It was rather difficult to know much about what went on in the government back then since their only outside source of information was from the newspapers and the press certainly did not exaggerate the truth like they do today. There certainly was not as much news for one reason, people did not utilize the freedoms given to them in the Constitution as they do today. The country was still young and a lot was to be learned. There was one big scandal called "the teapot dome". This was during Harding's administration and had to do with the leasing of naval oil reserves in the West to private oil interests for a bribe. He like, President Nixon trusted his friends too much and found himself in an entangled scandal. He died on August 2, 1923 at which time Aunt Elsie was going to teacher's college and the children had this day off of school because of his death. Then Coolidge became President and he was known as "Silent Cal". Hoover was President during the Great Depression, and he called for an extensive Public Works Program but it was all to no avail. President Franklin Roosevelt was famous for his institition of the New Deal and much power was given the president during his administration. World War II came about and had it's good effects as all wars do. The war effort provided work for all and war for many. Roosevelt was elected to his fourth term and died the next year on April 12, 1945, almost one month before Germany surrendered to the Allies and Vice President Harry S. Truman became President of the United States. Truman authorized the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which brought an end to the war with Japan. During his administration we had a different kind of war commonly referred to the "cold war" with the Communists which

turned "hot" when North Korea attacked South Korea in 1950. In 1953 Eisenhower became President for two terms. He was a president who accomplished very little. I can remember that he was associated a lot with the game of golf and was ill quite a bit. Then came John F. Kennedy who became the thirty-fifth president of the United States. His administration was known as the New Frontier and he worked for U.S. aid to deprived areas, medical care for the aged and the establishment of the Peace Corps. He was assassinated November 22, 1963 allegedly by Lee Harvey Oswald and Lyndon Baines Johnson, his Vice President, took his place.

Grandma Wilt died November 19, 1964. Although she was a Democrat, my Aunt Elsie supplied the information about her . and she is a Republican.

AREA WHERE DADDY WAS BORN AND RAISED

where most of Daddy's

Form HVS 11

1. PLACE OF BIRTH

County of [illegible]

Township of [illegible]

or

Borough of

or

City of

No

(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street address)

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD [illegible]

3. Sex of CHILD [illegible] | 4. TWIN, TRIPLET OR OTHER [illegible] | 5. NUMBER OF CHILD [illegible]

FATHER

6. FULL NAME Frank George [illegible]

7. RESIDENCE [illegible] 8a. P. O. ADDRESS [illegible]

RFD #2 [illegible]

10. COLOR or RACE White

11. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY (Years) 34

12. BIRTHPLACE (City, State or Country) [illegible]

13. OCCUPATION Nature of Industry Trimmer [illegible] Saw Mill

MOTHER

[illegible]

20. Number of children of this mother (taken as of time of [illegible]) 2 Born alive and now dead

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who [illegible] at [illegible] M on the date above stated.

(Signature) [illegible]

Given name added from a supplemental report

19 Address [illegible]

[illegible]

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK — THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—In the case of multiple births, a separate certificate must be made for each, and the number of each in order of birth stated at [illegible] (Item 5) and [illegible] (Item 11) NAME instead of street address.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[illegible]

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Hempfield Township Public Schools

DIRECTORS

JOHN E. WHIGAM, PRESIDENT, GREENSBURG, R. D. 1
J. O. HILEWICK, VICE PRES., NEW STANTON, PA
JOSEPH GIRON, SECRETARY, WENDEL, PA.
JAMES R. CALDWELL, TREAS., GREENSBURG, R. D. 1

E. S. GARD, SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL

OFFICE, HARROLD CONSOLIDATED
AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Greensburg, Pa., R. D. 1

DIRECTORS

PAUL E. BARVER, GREENSBURG, R. D. 3
JAMES W. ANDREWS, GREENSBURG, R. D. 1
S. E. HOPKINSON, IRWIN, R. D. 3
CLARA BOICE, CLERK

February 25, 1942

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that Charles William Wilt attended school in the Hempfield Township School District. Our records show his date of birth to be January 24, 1910.

Very truly yours,

E. S. Gard

E. S. Gard, Supervising Principal

DADDY

Charles William Wilt was born to Emma and Frank Wilt on January 23, 1910 in ~~Luxor~~ Pennsylvania. Since his father died when he was around two years old, he really never knew a life with a father and must have been very envious of the boys who had fathers. My father lived in a coal mining town Luxor, Pennsylvania. He had to find employment at a very young age. His first job was that as a newsboy and he traveled many miles to deliver papers to the farmers and coal miners in that section. During the summer he spent much of his time at his grandfather's farm and helped with the harvesting and other farm chores. His family never owned a car and my father did not buy a car until long after he was married.

Most of the transportation when Daddy was young was by horse and buggy and in the winter horse and sleigh. In the winter the roads were closed by snow drifts. His family was snowbound often and they would close the schools. Of course, my father walked to school, and he would tramp a path for the rest of the family when the snow was deep, as his father had done before he died.

My father went to school in Hempfield Township at Luxor, Pennsylvania through the eighth grade then went to high school in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He graduated at the top of his class in 1928 and went to Fort Wayne, Indiana with his Aunt Elsie and Uncle Francis Bendel in July of that year. He went to General Electric Company, where he was admitted to their apprentice school and attended there for three years where he again graduated at the top of the class. I considered him a very brilliant man and turned to him many times when I had difficulties in any subject in school. He was always able and willing to help me. When I was in High School, we used to spend hours talking about national issues and his favorite subject, labor. Even though he was in management, he was pro-union and a Democrat. He was a common man who had to sacrifice a lot in his life right from the beginning. Since my father was raised in poverty, living like the poor had become a habit for him. I can remember him wearing the same suit or shoes for twenty years and still saying that there was a lot of wear left in them.

My father was a penny pincher and I would suppose by his childhood, it would be understandable. His favorite time of the year was Christmas. Even though he was down right cheap, the sky was the limit then. We always had the biggest and prettiest

tree of all. It was always a short needle loaded with lights and decorations. When I was very young my father would take me to work a few days before Christmas, and when we got home supposedly Santa had been there and put up and decorated the tree. Although I was never allowed to say I did not believe in Santa Claus, (even when I was a teenager) my father taught me that decorating a tree was a real art. Such as putting in icicles one at a time, which I still so yet today.

My father not liking his job as a draftsman, jumped at the chance to take the job as Recreational Director of the G.E. when it was offered to him. He had always been active in sports, even as a boy in Luxor, Pennsylvania, he played for a baseball team. This job was custom made for Daddy. My father got to be well known and respected in the community because of his contributions to various sports. Since his death, there is an award given each year in his name by my family for a person's outstanding contributions in softball for that previous year. My father was involved in all sports one way or another.

My dad was not a very religious man. He was the kind of father who would tell mom and the kids to go to church while he stayed in bed. Even if he did go with us, he would fall asleep and even snore, so I would be forever punching him in the side. We always attended a Lutheran church. My father became faithful about his church attendance the last five years of his life, which always seemed a bit strange to me. He died August 16, 1965.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF APPRENTICE

Granted to

Charles Wm. Wilt

[illegible]

Advanced Algebra
Plane Trigonometry
Descriptive Geometry
Elasticity
Strength of Materials

Mechanics
Introduction of Calculus
Hydraulics
Mechanical Drawing
Elec. Machine Design

Fort Wayne, Jan. 31, 1951

July 31, 1951

Charles W. Wilt

Judy's name
of Innovation

C. W. WILT

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. INC.
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

My father's [illegible] card

[illegible]ounded January 19, 1951, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Golden Gloves Fraternity

LIFE MEMBER

Chas. W. Wilt
(Signature)

[illegible] a Member and Entitled To All Privileges of Membership in [illegible]

[illegible]ck Hurst, Pres. Jim Callaw[illegible], Sec'y Max Cr[illegible], Treas.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF FANS, INC.

Mr. Charles Wilt 3-1961
NAME EXPIRES

[illegible]HE ABOVE NAMED IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, SUPPORTING ALL LEGITIMATE ORGANIZED AND SUPERVISED SPORTING ACTIVITIES

[illegible]CAL CHAPTER Ralph Miller NO. 2
NAME

PRESIDENT

[illegible] Record at G.E.

[illegible]E Employees Community Services Fund
MEMBERSHIP CARD
This certifies that

Charles W. Wilt

INTRODUCTION

THE MARTIN FAMILY

One hundred and seven years ago, in the autumn of 1834, there came to the shores of America, Francois Martin and his wife Marguerite. Emigrating from France they naturally sought a haven among French people. They, therefore, found a new home in a French settlement; a community known as Calmoutier, located in Holmes and Wayne counties, Ohio.

Emigrating with them was their group of growing children. This group eventually consisted of six sons and three daughters.

These sons and daughters naturally being endowed with the adventurous and pioneering spirit of the French of old; soon, for the most part, found their way to new homes mostly farther west. That their descendants have spread to the four corners of the land, a glance at the following pages will show. The migrations of the nine descendants of Francois and Marguerite Martin, my Great Great Grandparents, are traced on the following pages along with brief histories of my Great Great Great Uncles.

Foreword

A number of years ago the [illegible] of the last a complete list of the members of the Martin family, descendants of Francois and Marguerite Martin [illegible] and [illegible] might be very interesting to [illegible] descendants of this family.

Such a work, commonly known as a family [illegible] would I realized require considerable time in [illegible] and [illegible] would require the help and [illegible] of those of you who could give me the information needed to make it complete.

It was, therefore, with considerable misgiving [illegible] success that I finally decided about [illegible] to ask some of you to help me in this work. You have all willingly done so.

I am glad that we can now say we have [illegible] and I have the assurance of those who cooperated with me that the lists as given are correct. While possibly not entirely complete, (it will be noted some [illegible] missing) they are as nearly complete as is possible with the information obtainable. And, due to the fact that about three years have been taken up in [illegible] work, naturally, changes have occurred during the time. Again, it will be realized that a work of this kind could only be complete today for tomorrow it will change.

I had hoped that specific dates, and possibly addresses might have been included; however, as more than half of them were not available and it seemed to me for obvious reasons they really would serve no useful purpose, they have been omitted entirely.

But I am gratified with what we have accomplished and trust I may be permitted to register the hope that at some time in the not too distant future some of you will take up where this work ends and perpetuate it in and for the future generations.

To those of you who have cooperated with me in assembling these names, I want to extend my sincere thanks. You have been most generous and helpful. Without that help I could not have succeeded.

It is to you especially, and to all the other descendants of the Martin family, that this work is

Devotedly Inscribed,

JOHN V. AUBRY,

December, 1941.

The Martin Family

[illegible]

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These sons and daughters naturally being endowed with the adventurous and pioneering spirit of the French [illegible] homes mostly farther west. That their descendants have spread to the four corners of the land, a glance at the [illegible]

Believing, therefore, that it will be of interest to you I will endeavor to trace the migrations of these nine de[illegible] you any events that might be of interest and not generally known.

1. The eldest, Nicholas, after marriage located in another French settlement near Fort Wayne in Allen County Indiana, a settlement sometimes known as Besancon. Thus, it will be noted that most of these descendants are living at or near Fort Wayne.

2. John Claude Martin lived his entire life in the Calmoutier community. However, three branches of this family migrated to White County, Indiana, in the eighteen [illegible] these three branches are now located in various parts of the State of Indiana.

3. The third member, August Martin, did not migrate far from the Calmoutier community, having also spent his entire life near there. He was the only one of the sons who served in the Civil War, having enlisted in 1862 and being discharged at the close of the war; thus he served about three years. He passed away shortly after the war ended.

4. The fourth member, Victoria Martin Corberand, while not remaining in the Calmoutier community, lived in Holmes County near Millersburg, Ohio.

5. In order to account for the migration of the fifth member and fourth son of the family, Joseph Honora Martin, it is recorded that he and his brother, John Claude

Martin was the real pioneer of the family, they having been members of the band of "forty-niners." Leaving their homes at Calmoutier in March 1852, they set out for California traveling by rail to the western terminal of railroads, at that time, Omaha, Nebraska; thence with team to the Rocky Mountains and from there on by foot. Leaving California, they proceeded to Nicaragua in Central America, where Joseph Hunoire Martin settled. It is known that he married about the year 1870 and had one son and one daughter. Correspondence was carried on with him until his death, but nothing more is known of the descendants. Leaving his brother in Nicaragua, John C. Martin went on to Chile in South America and from there to Australia, returning home by way of New York. He was the only member of the family to make the trip around the world, arriving home in 1856. He was therefore gone four years.

6. The Adeline Martin Girard family moved to Adair County, Iowa, in 1877, locating near the village of Afton Hill.

7. Preceding them, however, by about two years was the Mary Martin Girard family who located near the same place in Iowa in 1875, where they spent their entire lives.

8. The eighth, Joseph Martin, was accidently killed, while felling a tree near home, while still a young man. The exact date is not known, but is thought to be near 1840.

9. The ninth and youngest, Charles Martin, also migrated to Iowa with the Adeline Martin Girard family where he lived until his death. He never married.

NICHOLAS MARTIN AND CATHERINE SCHLYA
(Second Generation)

I. August Martin (deceased)
intermarried with Mary [illegible] (deceased)
1. Frank Martin (deceased) intermarried with
Melissa Long (deceased)
1. Donald Harry intermarried with
Kenneth Sells, Canton, O.
1. [illegible]
2. John L. Martin (deceased)
3. Jennie L. Martin intermarried with
William Dennis, Fort Wayne, Ind.
1. George, (deceased)
2. Oscar, New Haven, Conn.
3. Helen, intermarried with
Ora Rosenogle, Fort Wayne, Ind
1. Donald J.
2. Betty M.
4. Edward Martin (deceased)
5. Victor Martin (deceased)

II. Melinda Martin (deceased)
intermarried with August Hugsmand (deceased)
1. Frank Hugsmand intermarried with
Melinda Powell (deceased), Fort Wayne, Ind
1. Eugene
2. Ralph
2. Louis Hugsmand (deceased) intermarried with
Lessa Kintz (deceased)

III. Charles Martin, Sr. (deceased)
intermarried with Mary Didier (deceased)
1. Julia Martin intermarried with
Louis Gerardot (deceased)
1. Irma intermarried with Maurice [illegible]
Fort Wayne, Ind.
1. Terry,
2. Lynn
2. Mabel intermarried with
Robert Butz, Fort Wayne, Ind
1. Robert, Jr.
3. Louis, Jr. (deceased)
4. [illegible]
5. Luella
6. Donald
2. Bernard Martin intermarried with
Mary Malloy, Fort Wayne, Ind.
1. Patricia
2. Larry

2. [illegible] Martin (deceased) intermarried with Viola Miller, Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. Wilbur
   2. Wayne,

3. [illegible] Martin intermarried with [illegible] Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. Catherine
   2. [illegible]
   3. Evelyn
   4. [illegible]

4. Louise Martin intermarried with William Arena Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. [illegible]
   2. Lillian
   3. Rita
   4. [illegible]
   5. Pauline
   6. [illegible]
   7. [illegible]
   8. Vivian

5. [illegible] Martin intermarried with [illegible] Monroeville, Ind.
   1. [illegible]
   2. Daniel
   3. [illegible]
   4. Louis
   5. Earl
   6. Patricia
   7. Mary

6. Paul Martin intermarried with Clara Minnick. Monroeville, Ind.
   1. Gerald, twin
   2. Geraldine, twin
   3. Marvin
   4. [illegible]
   5. Marilie
   6. [illegible]

7. Eugene Martin intermarried with Ruth Gladieu, Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. [illegible]
   2. Thelma intermarried with Robert Miller
      6. Robert, Jr.
      7. [illegible]

8. Nicholas Martin intermarried with Lottie Gladieu
   1. Manford
   2. Valeria
   3. Norma

9. Catherine Martin intermarried with Lee Arend
Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. Basil
   2. Margery
   3. Virginia
   4. Betty Jean
   5. Richard
   6. Kenneth
   7. Dorothy

10. William Martin intermarried with Lucille King
Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. William, Jr.
   2. Barbara Ann
   3. James

V. Helena Martin (deceased) intermarried with
Jane Dawson (deceased)
Second wife Julia Hanley, Fort Wayne, Ind.

1. Louise Martin intermarried with Frank Blair
(deceased)
Second husband William Shoppman,
Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. Marianne intermarried with Geo. Fenton
Fort Wayne, Ind.
   2. Lubelle intermarried with Albert Fannon
Fort Wayne, Ind.
      1. Joanna
      2. William
   3. Geraldine intermarried with Robert Herber
(deceased), Fort Wayne, Ind.
      1. Barbara Jane, twin
      2. Phyllis Jean, twin
   4. Mary Jane intermarried with John Abet,
Fort Wayne, Ind.
   5. Norma
   6. Patricia

2. Rose Martin intermarried with Frank Downs
Fort Wayne, Ind.

3. Edward Martin, Monroeville, Ind.

4. Helena Martin intermarried with [redacted] Johnson
Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. Valeria intermarried with Chas. Wilt
      1. Charlene Monroe Jr.
      2. Constance [illegible]

5. Frank Martin intermarried with Bertha Shoppman
(deceased), Fort Wayne, Ind.
   1. Marilyn
   2. Marlene
   3. Bonnie

[illegible] intermarried with Mayme Minnick.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

JOHN CLAUDE [illegible] AND VICTORIA ELIZABETH BOUSSEL

[illegible]

[illegible] Aubry [illegible] intermarried with Katherine

[illegible] Aubry [illegible] intermarried with

[illegible] Aubry intermarried with Ary M. [illegible]

[illegible] intermarried with Thelma File.

2. Mary intermarried with Richard G. Moser.

[illegible] intermarried with Mary G. [illegible]

[illegible] Lashbrook [illegible] Mary [illegible] the

[illegible] with [illegible]

Hammond, Ind.

5. Marcella

[illegible] intermarried with

[illegible]

[illegible]

Bible

2. Charles (deceased)

Evansville, Ind.
Richard

Pearl Cartmell, Monticello, Ind.

Monticello, Ind.

3. Charles, Monticello, Ind.

Reynolds, Ind.

2

3

4

Los

1.

2.

3.

AUGUST MARTIN AND JOSEPHINE UGNOT

[illegible] MARTIN AND FRANZ [illegible]

JOSEPH HONORA MARTIN
(Second Generation)

FRANCIS GIRARD AND ADELAIDE MARTIN

Rose

2. Vincent

3.

5. Donald

6.

7. Patty

8.

1. Donald
2. Leo
3. Marie

9.

Omaha, Neb.

10.

1. Leanne

11. Frank O'Brien, Stuart, Iowa
12. Eugene O'Brien, Stuart, Iowa
13. William
14.

1. Dolphine Girard intermarried with Nettie Small
Hinton, Iowa

2. Celestine Girard intermarried with

1. Betty

3. Ruth

Hollywood, Calif.

4.
5. Dorance Girard intermarried with Irene Crow
Lytton, Iowa

2. Charley

Stuart, Iowa

Ethel Pence, second wife.

Edward Casper, Hinton, Iowa

2. Donald
[illegible]
4. [illegible]

[illegible] Iowa.
[illegible]
[illegible] ied with
Barbara Hanks, Casey, Iowa
[illegible]

[illegible] Wambold,
[illegible]

2. Wayne Wambold (deceased)
3. Aubry Wambold, Des Moines, Iowa
4. Frances Wambold intermarried with
[illegible]
1. Carolyn
2. Garry
3. Patrick, twin
[illegible]
[illegible] Graham
El Paso, Texas
1. Donld
2. Daniel
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with
Jack Cavanaugh, Stuart, Iowa
[illegible]

THEOPHILUS GIRARD AND MARY MARTIN
[illegible]
[illegible] with
[illegible]

[illegible]
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[illegible] Winnifred intermarried with Andy Ratliff
1. Coral
2. James
[illegible]
[illegible]

7.

Alberta

9.

10.

12. Marlene

Casey, Iowa

1.

Bernard
James
Helen

5.

8. Catherine
9. Angela

Greenfield, Iowa

Mary Ellen
Martin
Alice

Davenport, Iowa

1. Richard

7. Blanche Nelson intermarried with [illegible]

1. Margaret

4. James

Terry

Elizabeth

Stuart, Iowa
Mary
Hugh

Paul
Joseph

Agnes

JOSEPH MARTIN

CHARLES MARTIN

[illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] J. [illegible]ley-Martin was born November 24, 1[illegible] of pioneer French

parents [illegible] of the Old Academy on the Auburn Road. Received

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[illegible] children four sons and one daughter.

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[illegible] great grandchildren,

[illegible] Hervey of Fort Wayne, Indiana

[illegible] Stella Collins of Fort Wayne, Indiana

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[illegible] follows:

[illegible] Martin, [illegible] Martin and Mrs. [illegible]

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[illegible] Andrews Catholic Church.

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[illegible] Academy on the Auburn

THE AREA WHERE MOTHER'S ANCESTORS SETTLED & LIVED

GREAT GREAT GREAT UNCLES ON MARTIN SIDE

Uncle John Claude

He lived his entire life in the Calmoutier community. In the eighteen nineties three branches of this family migrated to White County, Indiana, and most of the descendants of these three branches are now located in various parts of Indiana.

Uncle August

He migrated somewhere near the Calmoutier community and spent his entire life near there. He was the only one of the sons who served in the Civil War, having enlisted in 1862 and being discharged at the close of the war. He served a total of three years and passed away shortly after the war ended.

Uncle Joseph Honora

It is recorded that he and his brother, John Claude, were the real pioneers of the family. They were both members of the band of "forty niners". Leaving their homes at Calmoutier in March 1852, they set out for California traveling by rail to the western termini of railroads, at that time, Omaha, Nebraska; thence with oxen to the Rocky Mountains and from there on by foot. Leaving California, they proceeded to Nicaragua in Central America, where Joseph Honora Martin settled. He married around 1870 and had one son and one daughter. Correspondence was carried on with him until his death, but nothing more is known of the descendants. Leaving his brother in Nicaragua, John C. Martin went on to Chile in South America and from there to Australia, returning home by way of New York. He was the only member of the family to make the trip around the world, arriving home in 1856. He was gone four years altogether.

Uncle Joseph

He was accidently killed while felling a tree near his home, while still a young man. The exact date is not known, but it is thought to be near 1840.

Uncle Charles

The youngest son, Charles Martin, migrated to Iowa with his sister, Adeline and her husband, where he remained until his death. He never married.

GRANDMA HELENA

Grandma Helena was less than willing to cooperate with me on the writing of this paper. But she did allow me to have a copy of the family tree along with some sparse information about herself. I am going to take the chance that she will never read this paper and tell all that I know to be fact about her life.

Helena Martin was born August 13, ~~1930~~ 1921 to Honora Martin Sr. and Jane Dodan both of French Catholic background. She was born and raised close to Fort Wayne, Indiana by middle class farmers. In the evening after having a late dinner the family would sit around the dining room table by lamp light and play cards and eat popcorn. The first car Grandma's family had was a 1910 Overland. As much as everyone enjoyed riding in the car, it was only used on Sunday to go to church. I would think a family with a car in 1910 would have been considered quite prosperous. The children were thrilled when their dad, after a Saturday in town, brought home a radio. Until the novelty wore off, they would listen to it for hours in utter amazement. During the Depression years, the Martins lived on very little food other than beans, bacon, and corn bread. Seeing a movie at this time was unheard of since wages were so very low and one was lucky if he even had a job. Grandma herself obtained a job at an industrial plant where she received thirty-two cents per hour and stayed there in their employ for thirty years.

My Grandmother would have fit well as a young woman in our society today as she was a free woman. She was married at least four different times besides living with various other men for financial convenience. If one met my Grandma today, this would be difficult to believe, since she appears to be quite a prude. Grandma always kept people guessing about her marital status including her own family until this very day. She was married in Hillsdale, Michigan the first time to William Henry Johnell in the spring of 1914. A few months later Valaria Marguerite was born in my Great Grandma's home. Since my grandma was only ~~four~~ fourteen at the time and only a child herself, my grandfather's mother took over raising my mother. My grandma was a young, restless girl who was by no means ready to settle down. My grandfather dearly loved Helena and continued to love her until the day he died. But

after three years of marriage, they were divorced. My mother never lived with her mother from that time on and had no contact with her until she was married herself and then only on special occasions.

My grandma never could settle down and married three more times that I know of and had no more children. Between these marriages she had boarders to help her pay for her home. Finally in about 1943 a boarder named Lloyd Kimmel came knocking on her door asking for a room and has been living with her ever since. As a matter of fact, technically she now lives with him in his home. There was much speculation for years by the family as to whether Lloyd had ever married grandma or not. She finally confessed to my mother just recently that he would not marry her even though she had asked him to many times. Since they now live in a very high class neighbor hood in Fort Wayne, Indiana, grandma goes by Kimmel for obvious reasons but legally is Helena Austrup; Austrup being the name of her last husband. Lloyd is a very wealthy man who made his money in oil and my Grandma has devoted a good share of her life to him, but he is leaving her nothing when he dies but the home to live in until she herself dies. At that time all will go to his wealthy nephews, who are doctors and never bother with him. My grandma had begged this man to marry her, but he had refused her many times. Basically Grandma is such a kind woman and has been especially good to me. I know she is truly sorry for her many mistakes in the past but one cannot turn back the clock.

I really cannot even say for sure what religion my grandmother is or what her political beliefs might be, but I assume that she is a Catholic Democrat.

GRANDPA JOHNELL

William Henry Johnell was born July 14, 1844 in Toledo, Ohio. I do not know his father's name but his mother's name was Julia Catherine Dunlain Johnell of French descent. His family moved to Indiana when he was a teenager where he remained the rest of his life. Grandpa attended barber school and became a barber. My mother still has his barber shears which she has always used to cut my hair. After being a barber for a while, he decided it was not what he wanted to do, so he went to work at Wayne Pump in Fort Wayne. In June of 1947, he got caught in a drill press and was off of work for months at which time my mother cared for him. The upper part of his body was crushed and he had progressive failure of his health after that.

Grandpa lived with us for many years and he was just like another kid around the house for Mother. He slept with my brother and me in our small bedroom. He was a very unhappy, bitter man who never stopped loving Grandma and used to drink away his problems at the neighborhood tavern. Just about the time I would see my girlfriend's mother start down the street to get her husband out of Sullivan's Bar for supper, I knew it was time for me to go get my Grandpa. I always felt like a fool dragging him down the street, because he would fight me and swear at me all the way home. Finally it got to be more than Mother could handle, so she found him a room with a widowed neighbor lady who took in boarders. Shortly after his sixty-fifth birthday he passed away without ever really living; he just existed. That was July 16, 1958.

BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

THIS CERTIFIES, that according to the records of this Department

NAME Valaria Marguerite Johnell

was born in *FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, on* September 21, 1914

Child of William H. and Helen E. Jonnell

Birthplace of father Indiana *Birthplace of mother* Indiana

Registered No. 1281 *Date of filing* September 21, 1914

JOSEPH H. BALTES, M.D., Health Commissioner

SEAL

Virginia A. McKey

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Issued February 14, 1966

Certificate of Baptism

Precious Blood Church

1515 BARTHOLD STREET
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

This is to Certify

That [illegible]

Child of [illegible]

and [illegible]

born in FORT WAYNE INDIANA (STATE)

on the [illegible] day of [illegible] 19[illegible]

was **Baptized**

on the [illegible] day of [illegible] 19[illegible]

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. [illegible]

the Sponsors being [illegible]

as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated [illegible]

SEAL

[illegible]
ASSISTANT

Notations

FIRST COMMUNION
Date
Church
Place

CONFIRMATION
Date
Church
Place

MARRIAGE(S)
Date
Church
Place

SUBDIACONATE
Date
Church
Place

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION
Date
Church
Place

REAL

MOTHER

My mother, Valaria Marguerite Johnell Wilt Zimmerman, was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 11, 1914 to William Henry Johnell and Helena Martin at the home of Julia Catherine Cholain Johnell, my mother's grandmother. She was baptised Catholic in the Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne. This church later proved to have played an important role in the shaping of her personality and her life. The priest of this church was Father Hummer. Mother's sponsors at her baptism were her Uncle Honora Martin and Aunt Ida Martin, brother and sister of her mother. Mother was raised Catholic by her Lutheran grandmother and had a very lonely sorrowful childhood since her parents were divorced when she was three. She had absolutely no contact with her mother during her childhood only with her father, who lived with her grandmother also. The first World War was over when mother was four, and she can still remember the people banging on wash tubs crying and laughing at the same time, the day the armistice was signed. Mother used to go down to the railroad tracks and watch the soldier boys on the train and wave as they went by.

Valaria Johnell was raised in poverty and constant tension. Her grandmother was much too old to raise a child but she did the best that she could under the circumstances. She was bitter towards my grandma for the kind of life she was leading and leaving my mother with her. As a result she resented my mother and rarely had a kind word for her. Mother can remember as a young girl being beat because some boys had come up to her on the front porch to talk. Mother would often go to the nuns at the Academy where she went to school to talk about her problems at home and appreciated their kindness more than they could ever realize. They gave her the courage she needed to meet each new day.

Mother remembers the eclipse of the sun as being a spectacular event since many thought it was a sign of the second coming of Christ.

Mother's childhood home, which was on a small farm, had no water but they did have gas lights and a coal stove. She and her Grandma would pick up coal along the railroad tracks and bring it back home, as her father earned only seven dollars per week. Her

aunt and uncle on her father's side, Marguerite and Frank, took her on trips in the summer which mother looked forward to eagerly. They would also take her to their home in Toledo, Ohio for a few days at a time or even weeks in the summer. Aunt Marguerite and Uncle Frank were so kind to mother, and her activities with them were about the only joys she knew as a child. Her aunt used to sew her beautiful clothes and buy her toys which her father could not afford to buy.

Mother went to Mass every morning which is a Catholic practice. She was sent to a girl's academy call St. Augustines Academy in Fort Wayne, Indiana and took a commercial course of two years and one year academic. Mother met Daddy on a blind date, arranged by her girlfriend, on New Year's Eve, 1930. He was working at the General Electric Company going to their apprentice school of drafting. After dating steadily for two years, they were married January 23, 1932 in Toledo, Ohio.

THIS LICENSE IS VOID AFTER SIXTY DAYS FROM ITS DATE

MARRIAGE LICENSE

The State of Ohio, Wood County, S. S.

To Any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriages:

I, B. O. BISTLINE, Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, have LICENSED and do hereby

LICENSE AND AUTHORIZE

Mr. Charles Welt and

M Valaria Johnell

to be joined in MARRIAGE.

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Bowling Green Ohio, this 23 day of Jan A. D. 1932

B O Bistline
Judge of the Probate Court

By

[illegible]

[illegible]

MOTHER AND DADDY DURING MARRIAGE AND AFTER

Mother and Daddy were married January 24, 1933 in Toledo, Ohio. They lived with her grandma at first and he was laved off of work in February, 1934. He was off of work until April of the following year at which time they were grateful that he was called back to work in the factory at the G.E. Connie Val was born on May 28th, 1933 and times were pretty rough for the Charles Wilt family then. They were given groceries by the G.E. as well as their regular income. Mother would take Connie in the baby buggy and stand in line for bread, peanut butter, boiling beef and once in a while a stale chicken. Daddy was making only fifteen dollars per week when they obtained their first home, which they rented for fifteen dollars per month. They were soon expecting their second baby born fifteen months after the first. Charlene Julia was born August 24, 1934. All of the Wilt children were baptised into the Lutheran religion as babies and confirmed into it as teenagers, for my father could not see the Catholic religion.

Mother and Daddy would have friends into their home for card playing and everyone would pool their food and drink resources so this was made possible. Once in a while they would go to a dance hall in Fort Wayne on Saturday night.

To add to the family income, my mother took in washings and ironings, crocheted doilies, sweater sets for babies, and did wall paper hanging and painted walls with my father's help after a long hard day at work. Life was rough for them but they were so much in love that they had no reason to complain. They were happy to have food on the table and clothes on their backs. Mother would go to help her grandma with her housework on Thursdays, for grandma was getting up in years and could not manage for herself anymore. When Mother was first married she would wash her clothes on a board and hung them in the attic of the home they rented. This house had a coal furnace which neither Mother or Daddy was used to for this was the "lap of luxury" to them.

When Charlene was nine months old they bought their first home by assuming a mortgage that another family could not meet. The total cost of the home was fifteen hundred dollars. At that time Daddy was ill with a kidney disease for one year. My Mother's

health was bad for she had two miscarriages that were close together.

On December 21, 1942, Charles William Jr. was born and needless to say Mother and Daddy were very happy. Running out of room, they sold their home and moved to another which was much larger and my childhood home. Four years later I was born on December 3, 1946. By this time my father had been promoted to the drafting room and then he was appointed President of the General Electric Club and became the recreational director for the G.E. He remained in this position and loved every minute of it until his death.

After my father's death my mother was a terribly lonely and heartbroken woman. Since all of the kids were married, they were just beginning to enjoy life together as if they were newly weds. One of Father's friends introduced her to a gentleman by name of Leo Zimmerman. She went with him for only a short time and against her children's wishes married him six months after my father's death. They were married in the chapel of Holy Cross Lutheran Church on February 12, 1966. Leo is a wonderful man and I love him dearly but he is the direct opposite of my father in every way. Leo works for International Harvester in the maintenance department. He plays in a country and western band and is straight off of the farm. This marriage was difficult for all of us to accept since it was so soon after Daddy's death and we had not yet gotten over the shock. They lived in Mother's home for a while then sold it and bought a farm together. Mother really disliked farm life, so they sold that and bought a new home in the city of Churubusco, Indiana where they still reside.

Charles Wilt, City Softball Head, Dies

Charles W. Wilt, 55, of 7126 Dellmere Drive, died at 5:15 p.m. yesterday in Lutheran Hospital where he had been admitted early yesterday following a heart attack at his home.

Recreational director at General Electric Co. for 36 years, Mr. Wilt was city softball commissioner, a member of the GE Quarter Century Club and the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Surviving are the wife, Valaria; a son, Charles Jr., Toledo, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Richard Mueller, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Sue Hall, Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Richard Kilm, Augsburg, Germany; five grandchildren; a brother, Hillary, Pittsburgh, and three sisters, Mrs. Florence Serafini, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Clyde Leonard, Kittanning, Pa., and Mrs. Joseph Leone, Greensburg, Pa.

The body was taken to Klaehn Funeral Home where friends may call after 7 p.m. today.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Estate No. 17254.

In the Allen Superior Court No. 2 of Allen County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Valaria M. Wilt

was on the 23 day of August, 1965 appointed:

(a) executor of the will of Charles W. Wilt, deceased

(b) administrator with the will annexed of the estate of deceased

(c) administrator of the estate of deceased

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Fort Wayne, Indiana, this 25 day of August, 19 65

Clerk of the Allen Superior Court No. 2
for Allen County, Indiana

J. Byron Hayes Attorney for Estate

Harold Zeo

HERMAN W. MUESING
Director
1044 Schick Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46803

ABC

AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS

[illegible] 10th, [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [illegible]:

May I express my [illegible] to you and your family in your loss.

Charles has done a lot to [illegible] he will be missed by many.

May the Good Lord give you strength and courage to carry on.

Sincerely,

Herman Muesing

Herman W. Muesing

National Headquarters: 1572 E. Capitol [illegible] Area Code 414

The Lindenwood Cemetery, Inc.
2324 West Main Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sept. 4,

Valaria M. Wilt

7126 Dellmere Drive

Fort Wayne, Indiana

3.6 x 1.2 Foundation, Lot #243, Section M, for Charles W. and Valaria M. Wilt 56 25

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Please receipt and return

Notice by the Allen Superior Court No. 2 in the Matter of Appraiser's Report

Cause No. 172 [illegible]
IN THE ALLEN SUPERIOR COURT No. 2
COUNTY OF ALLEN, State of Indiana

To .....

I hereby give notice that, pursuant to Section 15 of the Inheritance Tax Law of the State of Indiana, approved February 28, 1913, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, the Court will on the 20th day of Dec. 19 69, hear the report of MELVIN A. AZAR appraiser, in the matter of the estate of Charles M. Hilt deceased; that at the time so fixed it shall proceed to determine the cash value of such estate and fix the amount of tax for which the same is liable.

Dated at Fort Wayne, Ind. 11/30 19 69

Judge of the Allen Superior Court No. 2

Attest:

[illegible] MARQUART
Clerk of the Allen Circuit Court
and ex-officio Clerk Allen Superior Court No. 2

This notice should be given twenty days before the time fixed for hearing.

Where Connie Val my oldest sister resides
My Mother & Her husband reside in Churubusco

Where my sister Charlene went to college he [illegible] 1969

Where Charlene now resides

Where Chuck & Charlene graduated from college

Where Chuck resides

Marriage Certificate

I, C. E. Aulick, hereby certify that on the 12th day of February one thousand nine hundred and 66 at Fort Wayne in the County of Allen, State of Indiana.

Groom Leo Woodrow Zimmerman of Allen County, State of Indiana.

and

Bride Valeria Marguerite Wilt of Allen County, State of Indiana.

were by me united in

Marriage

as authorized by a marriage license issued for that purpose by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of

Allen County.

and State of Indiana, dated the 31st day of January 1966

Signed C. E. Aulick

Official Designation Pastor

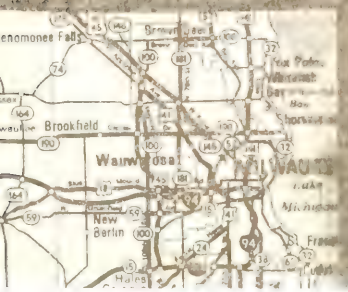
Witnesses: Kenneth D. Wherry

Helen A. Wherry

Where I was born & raised → Ft. Wayne, Indiana

where my husband was born Cincinnati, Ohio

Our last transfer - Milwaukee, Wis.



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VALERIE SUE WILT

ALL ABOUT ME

Valerie Sue (Susie) was born to Valaria and Charles Wilt December 3, 1946 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At birth it was found that I had an enlarged thyroid gland, so I had to undergo x-ray treatments at an early age. Now that I look back, I must have had a "bad health line" put on me right from the beginning.

I was not the most pleasant child in the world by any stretch of the imagination. Being a "super introvert", my Mother had to put me in bed any time we had guests, for I was so fearful of people whether I had met them before or not.

The home I was brought to after birth is where I knew the most happiness when growing up. It was an old large square type painted yellow with virtually no yard just a large patio with garden areas around the edges. There was a screened in front porch, then a large carpeted living room, a carpeted dining room, and a not so large kitchen which led to the paneled game room, laundry room and wine cellar in the basement. The wine cellar also served as my Father's workroom. We had three good sized bedrooms and a bath upstairs. Although we had gas heat, I can remember the steel door on the outside of the house for the delivery of coal used in past years. I can also remember having an icebox and the iceman coming to our home every day. In the summer I would frequently con a junk of ice out of him. We got a refrigerator in the early 1950s and a washer and dryer shortly thereafter. My Father had four children to support and never believed in buying anything unless it was a necessity. My parents bought their first car in 1945 , a ford, before I was born. I can remember always having several radios and spent every evening listening to such all time favorites as "The Lone Ranger". My father bought our first television, a Caphart, in 1956. The first evening we had it we were fascinated just watching the "snow" on the screen. The whole family chipped in money to buy the T.V. Each school year my father would allow me to have one new dress, underwear and a new pair of shoes. Mother would make over my sisters' clothes for me to add to my wardrobe. I had only a few games which were

"hand me downs" from my sisters and had very few toys in general. Since reading was my hobby, my parents bought me all of the books I could read and still read as much as I can today.

I lived in a low middle class neighborhood of many different ethnic groups and went to school with all classes and races of children. I have two older sisters and one older brother. Connie Val was born May 28, 1931, Charlene Julia was born August 24, 1934, and Charles William Jr. was born December 21, 1942. All of them are married and have children of their own. Connie's children are both married themselves and have no children.

The most enjoyable family activity was going on a picnic. We would always go to a park that had a pool and baseball diamond. Many times my parents allowed me to take a friend along and we would be at the pool most of the day. The Fourth of July picnic was the most enjoyable for this was always a family reunion and the fireworks would top off the day. Other family activities included playing Canasta, listening to the radio in the evenings, going to the lake every weekend in the summer, and going to baseball games.

When my mother needed a babysitter, my father would take me to work with him. Since there were bowling alleys where he worked, I could bowl all day and of course this pleased my father. Even with all of the lessons he gave me and all of the practice I had, I never learned the art of bowling. When I got older I would go in and work for Daddy if his secretary was ill or on vacation. I look back fondly on those days I spent with my Father.

I was a straight A student all through school and won awards for such things as citzenship in junior high, speech contests, dramatics, and graduated in the upper 10% of my high school class. I became captain of the cheerleaders in the seventh grade and was involved in every conceivable outside activity the school offered. I was also placed in a special experimental program whereas I was taught high school subjects and the first student to be taught the modern math. I was such a happy person and then my world fell apart. My parents decided to buy a new home in the suburbs and thought that I would be thrilled, since they were going into debt for me. They did not want me to go to a integrated high school even though

I had gone to school with the blacks all of my life. I guess their biggest fear was that I might date or even worst marry one. Needless to say, my father was quite prejudice. I had a very difficult time developing friendships with new people for I really never had to. Going to a high-class school was so strange to me and I found the kids to be "stuck up". I would come from school every day crying, because I was not able to make one friend. Eventually I succeeded but never had the fun or friendships I had had in the past. It was like a new world to me and I had to become a different person to fit into this strangeness. To this very day I still correspond with the friends I had in my early childhood. They have always been true friends to me. One of these girls even flew to Milwaukee to see me when I was very ill last year.

March 24, 1960 tragedy struck. My sister, Connie, a girlfriend and I went to a local drive-in restaurant for a Coke. Laughing and having not a care in the world, we struck from behind by a drunken driver going sixty miles per hour and not using his brakes. At first I had just a little backache and refused to go to the hospital but later this little ache developed into a horrible pain and paralysis set in. I had no feeling from four inches above my waist down. Surgery was performed, and there was no hope for me ever to walk again. I was not allowed to even raise my head for six weeks following the operation. I never doubted all along that I would walk and no person could discourage me. Finally the big day arrived and I was put in a ugly steel backbrace. The doctor again tried to prepare me for the worst but before he could finish his statement, I was on my feet walking out of the room. He just looked at me in awe, and then told me I would have to have even more surgery if I wanted to keep walking or wear the brace the rest of my life. Being the optimist I am, I told him I would not have the surgery nor would I wear the brace the rest of my life. I ended up wearing the brace only three months and the bone he felt would have to be replaced grew back. The doctor said that he had never had a case like mine, and there was no medical explanation for my miraculous recovery.

I had planned on going on to college, but I met my husband, Robert Stephen Hall in January, 1962. He was a senior and I was

a sophomore. We went together pretty steadily for three years and were married December 12, 1964. This was just when the Viet Nam war was becoming a concern to most people in Johnson's adminstration. If I had been old enough to vote in that election, I know I would have voted for Goldwater. I never trusted Johnson from the first time I saw him on television. He impressed me as being dishonest and ignorant and my opinion has never changed. I can remember the day that John Kennedy was assassinated well. I was at the beauty shop when the news came over the radio, but I thoght someone must have made a mistake. Something like this just could not happen in our civilized country. Oh how idealistic the young are! Even though I did not agree with Kennedy's philosophy at all, he was a great loss to this nation and I grieved his death as if he were a member of my own family.

I was married in a church ceremony and had a very large wedding. My father felt that his kids should start to pay their own way as soon as they got a job and that was at age 16. So I took care of most of my own needs from that time on including the biggest share of my wedding. My mother paid for half of the price of my dress and my father paid for my reception hall. Shortly before the wedding my father had a serious heart attack and was still hospitalized the day of our wedding. So I cannot say that it was a very happy day for me, since I was so worried about Daddy. I was sure in my mind that he would not live long. My husband and I flew to Florida for our honeymoon. Being there was like nothing I had ever seen or done in my whole life. It was kind of like taking the country girl to the big city. Since my husband came from a pretty wealthy background, we live an entirely different kind of life than I ever had lived. I was so impressed with our trip that Bob planned another one for the following June and invited my parents to go along. I was sure my father would never submit himself to such a foolish expenditure of his money, but to my amazement he cashed in some insurance policies and went along. It might seem that such a trip for a young couple and her parents would be a drag, but we had the best time we have ever had on a vacation. My father was as flabbergasted as I was with Miami Beach and I never saw him spend so much money in one week on luxuries. My father died only

six weeks after that trip, and I often wonder if it precipitated his death. I have never really gotten over his death, for after I married against his wishes, I really got to know him and love him for the wonderful person that he really was rather than a domineering father.

My family on my father's side has always been of the Lutheran faith and that is the faith that I was raised in and confirmed into at age of thirteen. My parents were not only Lutheran but Democrats, but conservative Democrats. Since I have married, I have become very conservative in my political views and have drifted away from the Lutheran faith, since I cannot go along with their basic doctrines. So as far as religion is concerned, I read the Bible almost daily but am still "seeking".

May 10, 1966 Robert Stephen Jr. was born and he had the proudest father I have ever seen. He had so much hair that the doctor nicknamed him one of the Beatles. He was a very small baby and we found out later, to our dismay, that he was a colicky one also. Bobby was slow in physical progress but far advanced in his mental development. He scared us almost death when at age two he had to have an emergency hernia surgery. I really got to know why my Mother used to say to me " I wish it were me instead of you".

When our son was born my husband was working for Prudential Insurance Company, and we lived in a new home in the suburbs. Shortly thereafter he took position with Libby Foods where he remained until they eliminated all of their salesmen in 1969 and gave their accounts to a brokerage firm. My husband then went with Montgomery Ward as a Assistant Credit Supervisor. In August of 1972 he was promoted to a Credit Manager, and we were moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin. This was the first time I had ever been away from my family in my life, and it was difficult to adjust at first. On December 3, 1972, on my twenty-sixth birthday, I was taken to the hospital critically ill with a colon disorder. The doctors told my husband that I would not live through the day but they tried doing surgery since there was nothing to lose. By a miracle I came through the whole ordeal alive and the doctors took no credit for it. Medically I should not have been living. But then they did not know what to do with me because I was physically unable to digest food. So the doctors sent me to Milwaukee County Hospital

and I was put in their government research unit. The very day I arrived there, I had to have another emergency surgery which once again I was not expected to live. I sure surprised them, but they gave me a even bigger surprise: an ileostomy. Even with this my body was unable to utilize food and I had intervenous feedings for seven months straight. During that time I underwent ten more surgeries. In July of 1973, my husband was promoted to Area Credit Supervisor and we were moved to Rockford. Against the doctors wishes I left the Milwaukee hospital and went with my husband. Shortly after this move I was back in the hospital still unable hold my own. After more surgery and four more months of hospital life, I left the hospital on December 1, 1973, hoping never to return to this nightmare ever again. With a daily diet of lots of fluid and lots of food, I have been able to stay out of the hospital. All total I was hospitalized eleven months.

Since being ill I have had a strong desire to go back to school to get a four year degree or more and go into social work. I feel it is my turn to do something for others. I was determined to become strong enough to start to school this past fall and though it has been very hard on me, I love every minute of it. That brings me up to today.

This Certifies

That Valaria Welt

having been duly instructed in the doctrine of the **Christian Religion** as confessed by the

Evangelical Lutheran Church

and having professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and vowed obedience to His Gospel, was received into full Communicant Membership in

Bethlehem Ev. Luth. Church Fort Wayne, Indiana

by the solemn rite of

Confirmation

on the 5th day of July A.D. 1942

Arno C. Schoß
PASTOR

Fort Wayne Community Schools

Fort Wayne Indiana

North Side High School

Be it Known that

Valerie Sue Wilt

Has completed the Four Year Course prescribed and therefore is entitled to receive this

Diploma

[illegible] thousand nine hundred and sixty four

Bill C. Anthis

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Florence Burley

[illegible]

[illegible]

PROGRAM

Toastmaster	Mr. John Malott
Invocation	Mr. Don Kemp
Speaker - "Success--What Is It?"	Dr. E. Sterl Phinney
Dinner Music	Ensemble Mr. C. William Hatt
Choral Groups	Triple Trio & Chansonettes Miss Jeanette Rich
Honor Certificates	Dr. Bill C. Anthis

MENU

Sirloin of Beef
Baked Potato/Sour Cream
Green Beans with Almonds
Fresh Green Salad
Rolls and Butter
Coffee or Tea
Sherbet

HONOR ROLL

High Honors

Martha Feustel
Ronald Gamble
John Hall
Ralph Hassig
Rebecca Hinton

Honors

Mary Anglin
Ted Bonar
Douglas Cartwright
Kenneth Castor, Jr.
Jeanene Christoffel
Richard Clements
Carmen Clifton
Virginia Conrad
Constance Cunningham
Phyllis Driver
Nancy Eberhardt
Jack Findley
Nannette Friend
Lora Lee Fuhrman
Janet Gamble
John Graves
Jon Gresley
Joan Guildenbecher
Susan Hamilton
Randy Harter
W. Edward Hatcher
Bronwyn Hemmig
Thomas Jamison
Ann Johnston
Patricia Johnstone
Paul Kehr
William Knauer, Jr.
Martha Lauterberg
Judith Lewton
Nancy Longardner

Roll of Honor

NORTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL

This is to certify that

Valerie Wilt

is a member of the
Honor Roll Class of

1964

State of Indiana
Original

Marriage Certificate

I, E. E. Anlick, hereby certify that on the 12th day of December, one thousand nine hundred and 64 at Fort Wayne in the County of Allen, State of Indiana, Groom Robert Stephen Hill of Allen County, State of Indiana, Bride Valerie Sue Hill of Allen County, State of Indiana, were by me united in

Marriage

as authorized by a marriage license issued for that purpose by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of

Allen County,
and State of Indiana dated the 8th
day of December 64

E. E. Anlick
Pastor
[illegible]
[illegible]

Certificate No.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION
COLUMBUS

Certification of Birth Registration

This certifies that the following Record of Birth was [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] preserved in the Vital Statistics [illegible] of the [illegible]

Name [illegible]

Date of Birth [illegible] *Place of Birth* [illegible]

Date of Issuance of Certification [illegible]

Attest

The Western Military Academy

Alton, Illinois

Robert Stephen Hall

has satisfactorily completed the Lower School Course of Study as prescribed by this Institution and by intellectual attainments and correct deportment is entitled to receive this

Diploma

In Witness Whereof, by virtue of the authority conferred by the State of Illinois in the charter of the Western Military Academy the official signatures and not an hereto attached this [illegible] day of [illegible] A.D. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Fort Wayne Community Schools

Fort Wayne Indiana

North Side High School

Be it Known that

Robert S. Hall

[illegible] the Four Year Course prescribed and therefore is entitled to receive this

Diploma

[illegible]

The Lutheran Hospital

Fort Wayne, Indiana

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

This Certifies that Robert Stephen Hall, Jr.
was born to Robert & Valene Hall
in this Hospital at 1:02 o'clock A.M. on the
18th day of May 1966

In Witness Whereof the undersigned have affixed
their signatures this 19th day of May 1966

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HALSTED, LINDA RUTH, 1954-

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1. Your name Linda Haistid
   Date of form May 7, 1974

2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ___ Before 1750 ___ 1750-1800 ✓ 1800-1850
   ___ 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ✓ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
   ___ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky.
   ___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) ___ East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
   ___ Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska) ✓ Illinois, Wisco[illegible]

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   ✓ Farming ___ Mining ___ Shopkeeping or small business
   ___ Transportation ✓ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   ✓ Professions ✓ Industrial labor ✓ Other [illegible]

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   ✓ Roman Catholic ___ Jewish ___ Presbyterian ___ Methodist
   ___ Baptist ✓ Episcopalian ✓ Congregational ✓ Lutheran
   ___ Quaker ___ Mormon ___ Other Protestant ✓ Other Christian [illegible]

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

   ___ Blacks ___ Indians ___ Mexicans ___ Puerto Ricans
   ___ Jews ✓ Central Europeans ___ Italians ___ Slavs
   ✓ Irish ✓ British ✓ Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian ✓ Other [illegible]

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   ✓ Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles ___ Family Genealogies
   ✓ Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ✓ Photographs ___ Maps ___ Other [illegible]

I. FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name Herbert Fritz Halsted Current Residence 1325 Berlin Avenue
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of Birth August 28, 1872

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 4

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Halsted Realty	Dates 1922-1971	1st 1325 Berlin Avenue	Dates 1916-[illegible]
2nd	Dates	2nd 3216 N. Main Street	Dates [illegible]
3rd	Dates	3rd 1325 Berlin Avenue	Dates [illegible]
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion 2nd Congregationalist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican, Walter R. Craig Post #66 American Legion, Rockford Real Estate Board, Chas.

Place of Marriage to your grandmother Rockford, Illinois date [illegible]

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name Ruth A. (Church) Halsted Current Residence 1325 Berlin Avenue
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth December 13, 1891.

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 2

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st Teacher	Dates 1911-1918	1st 1325 Berlin Avenue	Dates [illegible]
2nd Nurse	Dates 1918-1919	2nd 3216 N. Main Street	Dates [illegible]
3rd Homemaker	Dates 1919-Present	3rd 1325 Berlin Avenue	Dates [illegible]
4th Nursing	Dates 1943-1966	4th	Dates

Religion 2nd Congregationalist

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican

Place of marriage to your grandfather Rockford, Illinois DATE April 19, 1917

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

A-1 Stepgrandfather (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of Birth _____

Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandmother _____ date _____

A-2 Stepgrandmother (your father's side)

Name _____ Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Education (number of years):
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

Religion _____

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

_____

Place of marriage to your grandfather _____ Date _____

Real
Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name George Andrew Walters Current Residence Unknown
If dead, date of death ?

Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth 1904 Sometime
Education (number of years):
grade school — high school — vocational — college —

Occupation(s)

				PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st	Salesman	Dates Unknown	1st	1940 N Kathleen in Chicago	Dates 1930
2nd		Dates	2nd		Dates
3rd		Dates	3rd		Dates
4th		Dates	4th		Dates

Religion ~~Unknown~~ Catholic
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Unknown

Place of marriage to your grandmother Chicago, Illinois date 1929
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepfather or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Real
Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name Georgianna Jenette (Lucas) Walters, Thorne, Freed, + now [illegible] Current Residence Long Beach California
If dead, date of death —

Place of birth ~~Chicago~~ Kenosha, Wisconsin Date of birth 1911 Sometime
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s)

				PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st	Unknown	Dates	1st	Kenosha, Wisc	Dates Unknown
2nd		Dates	2nd	Chicago, Ill.	Dates Unknown
3rd		Dates	3rd	Long Beach, Calif	Dates 1946 present

Religion Protestant
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Unknown

Place of marriage to your grandfather Chicago, Illinois date 1929
Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

C-1 Stepgrandfather (your mother's side)

Name Stephen Bolster Lucas Current Residence —
If dead, date of death November 1, 1972

Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth ~~Aug~~ April 14, 18
Education (number of years)
grade school 4 high school ____ vocational ____ college ____

Occupation(s) (approximate) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Hospital Orderly Dates 1924 1st Chicago Dates 192
2nd Lodge Brush Man Dates 1925-27 2nd Crystal Lake Dates 192
3rd Machinist Dates 1939-1947 3rd Chicago Dates 1927-1947
4th Sundstrand Dates 1947-1964 4th Rockford Florida Dates 1964

Religion None
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Democrat, Masons, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, American Legion, Civilian Defense
Place of marriage to your grandmother Chicago, Illinois date May 29, 192

D-2 Stepgrandmother (your mother's side)

Name Thelma Beatrice (Schelly) Lucas Current Residence Caravella Retirement
If dead, date of death —

Place of birth Canada Date of birth June 31, 1900
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational (Art School) 2 college ____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st Art - Drama Dates Lifetime 1st Chicago Dates 192
2nd Detective Dates 1940-1946 2nd Crystal Lake Dates 192
3rd Retailing Dates 1950-1955 3rd Chicago Dates 192 ~~194~~ 196
Rockford Florida

Religion Christian Scientist
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican, Eastern Star, Art Guild, Women's Club, Scouts
Place of marriage to your grandfather Chicago, Illinois Date May 29, 1

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

1. Name Harold Halsted
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date September 19, 1920
Number of years of schooling 16 Occupation Barber - Coleman
Residence 2328 Burmont Street Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

2. Name John Halsted
Place of birth Rockford, Illinois date November 18, 1925
Number of years of schooling 14 Occupation [illegible]
Residence 4337 [illegible] Marital Status Married
Number of children 2

3. Name Helen (Halsted) Morse → Rockford, Illinois
Place of birth ~~[illegible]~~ date January 30, 1928
Number of years of schooling 13 Occupation Housewife
Residence 3207 Louise Street Marital Status Married
Number of children 3

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

1. Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] date September [illegible], 1930
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

2. Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] date December 5, 1936
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

3. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

4. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

5. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

6. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

7. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

8. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

9. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

10. Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name John Leonard Halsted Current Residence 4331 Shorewood Drive
If dead, date of death —

Place of birth Rockford, Illinois Date of birth November 16, 1930
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 2

Occupation(s)

1st	Insurance	Dates 1950 - 1958	1st	1422 E. State Street	Dates 1950 - 1952
2nd	Retail - Sales	Dates 1958-1971	2nd	2050 Sawyer Avenue	Dates 1953 - 1961
3rd	Humphrey Cad. & Olds	Dates 1971 - Present	3rd	4331 Shorewood Drive	Dates 1961 - Present
4th		Dates	4th		Dates

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Religion Second Congregationalist

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. Republican, Kiwanis, Work-Study Advisory Council, Rockford Memorial Fund, Kansing, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Place of marriage to your mother Rockford, Illinois date November 18, 1950

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name Carolyne Rose (Lucas) Halsted Current Residence 4331 Shorewood Drive
If dead, date of death —

Place of birth Chicago, Illinois Date of birth September 16, 1930
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational _____ college 6

Occupation(s)

1st	Teacher	Dates 1949 - Present	1st	1422 E. State Street	Dates 1950 - 1952
2nd		Dates	2nd	2050 Sawyer Avenue	Dates 1953 - 1961
3rd		Dates	3rd	4331 Shorewood Drive	Dates 1961 - Present

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

Religion Second Congregationalist
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. Republican

Place of marriage to your father Rockford, Illinois date November 18, 1950

NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

E-1 Stepfather

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____

4th _____ Dates _____ 4th _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your mother _____ Date _____

F-2 Stepmother

Name _____
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Education (number of years)
grade school _____ high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st _____ Dates _____ 1st _____ Dates _____

2nd _____ Dates _____ 2nd _____ Dates _____

3rd _____ Dates _____ 3rd _____ Dates _____
Religion
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. _____

Place of marriage to your father _____ date _____

CHILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

Name [illegible]
Place of birth [illegible] Date of birth [illegible]
Number of years of schooling [illegible] Occupation [illegible]
Residence [illegible] Marital Status [illegible]
Number of children [illegible]

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Name
Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
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Place of birth Date of birth
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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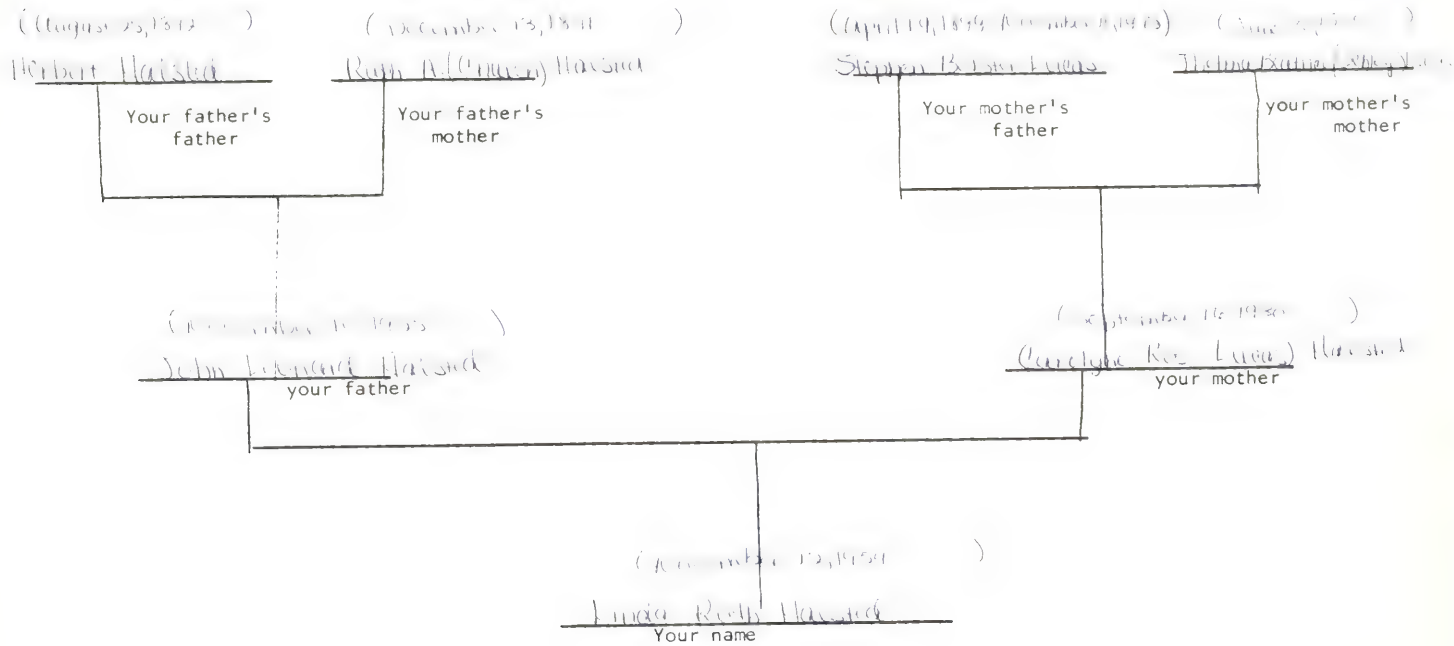
I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed [illegible]

Date [illegible]

IV. A SIMPLE GENEALOGICAL CHART

(for each give full name and date of birth; death)



INTRODUCTION

I have traced my family history from 1849 to the present. All my research came from interviews with my grandmother, mother and father, and through the use of pictures, scrapbooks, and vital records.

MY GRANDFATHER HERBERT HALSTED'S SIDE
(FATHER'S SIDE)

During the Gold Rush of 1849, Jonathan Halsted, my grandfather's grandfather, set sail for California by way of Cape Horn. He, along with sixty-five others, bought a sailing vessel for $40,000 and stocked it with two years' provision. They sailed the Atlantic round Cape Horn and up the Pacific Ocean to San Francisco. They were mining on the south fork of the American River for only a month, when the rainy season set in. The group split up, sold the provisions and ship for $20,000, and Jonathan returned to Rockford by stagecoach in 1856. In 1855, Jonathan went to New York to get Deborah Kennard, his wife-to-be, and returned to Rockford. He operated a farm south of the city for three years before obtaining eighty acres of farmland closer to the city through default in 1859 of a mortgage he held on the property. This land was given by the 1829 Prairie du Chien Treaty to Domitille, the daughter of a French officer, John Baptiste Pacouette and an Indian Princess. It was subsequently owned by

Nicholas Boilvin, the government agent for the Winnebago Indians. This land he owned was the land south of Halsted, between North Main Street and Rockton Avenue. In 1859, the Halsted Homestead was built which is still there on the southwest corner of Halsted and North Main. Today it is a little south of a gas station on that corner. Here is a xeroxed copy of the picture of the house. It didn't turn out too clearly though:

Jonathan and Deborah never locked their doors, so quite frequently, they would come downstairs on a cold, wintry morning to find their house full of Indians keeping warm around a cook stove. They were perfectly harmless. All they wanted was some food and warm place to sleep. Jonathan and Deborah always accomodated them.

Most of the streets between Rockton and North Main south of Halsted, were named after my family. Halsted Road was named after my great-great-grandfather Jonathan. Jonathan Street was of course, also named after him. Deborah Street was named after my great-great-grandmother Deborah. Louise Street was named after my great-grandmother. Latham Street used to be called Alvina Street, which is my grandfather's sister-in-law. Ruth Street was named after my Grandmother Halsted.

When Jonathan died, he divided this large farm between his two children- Mary E. (Halsted) Brown and Lester B., who would be my great-grandfather. Lester was a successful realtor and insurance man. He and

his wife, Louise (Foltz) Halsted, had three sons-Harold, who died at age one, Wallace, and my grandfather, Herbert.

Herbert Halsted was born on August 28, 1892. He was brought up in the Halsted Homestead on North Main Street. He was an army captain in World War I and a past commander of the Walter R. Craig Post, No. 60, American Legion. Grandpa Halsted is a member of the Republican party, Rockford Real Estate Board, Elks Club, and Second Congregational Church. When Herbert Hoover came to Rockford, my grandfather was a member of the honor guard to welcome him.

MY GRANDMOTHER RUTH (CHURCH) HALSTED
(Father's Side)

This side of the family was more the professional side, where my grandfather's was the pioneer side. Ruth, my grandmother, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Church. Mr. C.A. Church was a very well known litery figure, historian, and newsman of Belvidere and Rockford. He was considered the best authority of early local history. In the years 1900

and 1916, he published the following books: HISTORY OF ROCKFORD, HISTORY OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, and HISTORY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN ILLINOIS. Charles and Hattie Church had four children- Holland, Lorena, Gertrude, and Ruth-my grandmother. Holland was a well known local Episcopalian clergyman (rector). He was also an interpreter because he knew twelve languages, including Chinese. Lorena was very dedicated to Rockford College. She never married, but instead devoted her time to teaching. Lorena was the Registrar and a Professor of English at Rockford College for fifty years. She had an honorary doctor's degree of Humane Letters. The new alumni office to be built at the college is to be named The Lorena Church Alumni Office. Gertrude (Church) Stiles was just a housewife and mother of five. Ruth (Church) Halsted is my grandmother. She was born on December 13, 1891 and lived all her life in Rockford. She taught elementary education for seven years at the I.A.Peterson school. One of her students later became a General in the army. After teaching, she went into nurse's training and nursed from 1918-1919 and from

1943-1966. She is a member of the Republican party and Second Congregational Church.

Ruth's grandfather (my great-great-grandfather), Dr. Leonard Lake, was a surgeon in the Civil War with the 15th Illinois Infantry with the 13th Calvary. He had come from the east and had ~~established~~ studied medicine at Rush Medical College in Chicago. His name is now engraved at Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

MY GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER TOGETHER
(Father's Side)

On April 19,1919, Herbert Halsted and Ruth A. Church were united in marriage. Here is a copy of their marriage certificate:

They were old high school sweethearts. They had three children- Harold, John (my dad), and Helen (Halsted) Morse. When Helen was six, she decided to write to President Franklin D. Roosevelt because they had mutual birthdays. She received an answer signed by Roosevelt himself. Here is a copy of the letter Helen wrote and the one she received:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

It is very [illegible]

[illegible] children [illegible]

[illegible] more your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

My Uncle Harold married Betty Scarbrough and they had three children- Janis, Marlene, and Brian. Harold served in the Navy during World War LL, as did my father, John.

In 1922, my grandfather, Herbert, and his brother, Wallace, established Halsted Realty. This has been a very successful business and is still going strong today on North Main Street just north of Shakey's Pizza Parlor.

The Halsted family first lived at 1325 Boilvin Avenue in Louise (Herbert's mother) Halsted's home. In 1929, when my grandmother was pregnant with my father, the family moved to 3216 North Main Street where all three children were raised. They returned to 1325 Boilvin Avenue in 1938, because Herbert's mother, Louise, was slowly dying. She lived until 1946. My grandmother and grandfather still live at the Boilvin Avenuehome.

The Halsted family considered themselves to be an average family. Ruth was a nurse and Herb was a realtor. They always celebrated holidays together and had reunions for birthdays.

All baptisms, weddings, and funerals were held at Second Congregational Church. Religion played a big part in their lives. They went regularly to Sunday school and church.

The decisions were made cooperatively, as was the disciplineof the children. No physical punishment was used, only verbal. There were no real conflicts or arguments in this family. They just had the normal spats.

The first radio came into the house in 1935. The first television they had was in 1950, and their first car was a brand new 1918 Model T!

The Depression for the Halsted household was virtually uneventful. My grandfather, Herbert, had his job at the realty. They lost stock in the bank. One thing that helped the Halsteds through the Depression was the Sunday Evening Club. This was where all different church members attended one church (at what is now Central National Bank) and entertained themselves. This didn't cost any money. There seemed to be a lot of fellowship at these meetings because they were all in the same boat- no money!

MY GRANDFATHER STEPHEN LUCAS' SIDE
(Mother's Side)

To begin with, I'll explain that when I refer to Grandmother and Grandfather Lucas, they are by blood, my great aunt and uncle. My mother's real mother is Grandfather Lucas' sister, Georgie Lucas. The Lucas's adopted and raised my mother, so I call them grandmother and grandfather because they legally are.

Stephen B. Lucas was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on April 14, 1899, and he died on November 11, 1972 of cancer in New Port Richey, Florida. He was the son of Ella (Johnson) Lucas and William Lucas. His mother Ella, came to the United States (Wisconsin) at age five from Malmo, Sweden. Stephen's father, William, was born in Evansville, Wisconsin, named after Stephen's grandmother, who was an Evans. William was of Welsh descent and was a lather. He travelled through the East coast and founded Lathers Union in Wisconsin.

Stephen was one of thirteen children, seven girls and three boys surviving to adulthood. He lived on

a farm as a boy. He quit school after fourth grade to work on a farm to help support the family. His mother, Ella, worked as a domestic and later in a Chicago bottle top factory to support herself and the family.

Stephen enlisted in the army during World War I, but was discharged after one year because the war ended. After the war, he was a punch press operator and lost his three middle fingers plus part of his thumb in the press. He then worked in a Chicago hospital as an orderly, where he met his future wife, Thelma Schley.

MY GRANDMOTHER THELMA (SCHLEY) LUCAS' SIDE
(Mother's Side)

My Grandmother Lucas- Thelma Schley was born in Canada on June 30, 1900 to Edwin Schley and Beatrice (Hughe) Schley, who came from London, England. Edwin was born in Otsego, Michigan to Adelaide Lawrence. Edwin's uncle was Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, a Spanish-American War hero. Through the Schley family vasepassed the first navy flag of the United States

made in Virginia by a Conley. Thelma donated this flag to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., where it is today.

Thelma's mother died when she was about two years old. She was raised for a while by her father stepmother, and a step-sister. Her father was a pattern maker, tailor, and a vaudeville performer who was always travelling. Thelma was then taken to Chicago by her step-sister. She was raised and neglected by a foster mother after being made a ward of the courts. Elizabeth Keuker, a widow who ran a boarding house was her foster mother. She was a direct descendent of the family of Martha Curtis Washington.

Thelma was a child actress in early movies at the Essennay Studios in Chicago. She graduated from Senn High School and the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. She helped her foster mother in the boarding house and also at a tea room run by Mrs. Keuker. Thelma also did a little theatre work and some free-lance art work.

MY GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER TOGETHER
(Mother's Side)

Stephen F. Lucas and Thelma Ashley met in Chicago at a hospital where he was working as an orderly. They were married May 29, 1924. They had two children- Carolyne (my mother), born on September 16, 1930 and adopted at less than one month and Steve, Jr., their real son, born on November 8, 1936. I refer to Steve as my uncle even though he's really not my uncle by blood.

After their marriage, Stephen worked as a fuller brush man, a machine operator at Stewart Warner to 1947, and as a final inspector at Sundstrand Hydraulic from 1947-1964 in Rockford.

They lived in Chicago before they moved to Rockford. In Chicago, Stephen was commander of an American Legion Post, a Civilian Defense volunteer during World War II, and a Boy Scout committee chairman who founded the first mounted (horseback) Boy Scout Explorer Troop before the War. A lot of boys enlisted for this.

In 1944, Thelma and Steve bought a home in

Rockford at [illegible] North Central Avenue. They moved here in 1947 following a fire in Chicago which destroyed their home and most of their possessions.

Stephen belonged to the Masonic Order and Knights' Templars in Chicago and Rockford. He founded the Ship Mill Man's Club to raise money for the school.

After their marriage, Thelma worked in various fields. She was a detective for the Hargrave Agency working with industry-union cases and divorce cases. She was also a store detective for Wieboldt's and was a drama and voice coach in Chicago and Rockford. Thelma was a costume designer for the Children's Civic Theatre in Chicago. She started a neighborhood children's theatre in Chicago. Another job of hers was to make walkie-talkies during World War II in a plant. In Rockford, she worked at Weise's and later Cobb Optical and the Rockford School of Music. She had her own Cub Scout pack. Thelma belonged to the Eastern Star, a masonic organization. She was also President of the Rockford Art Guild.

In October, 1965, Thelma and Steve retired to New Port Richey, Florida in a very nice, comfortable home. In Florida, Stephen was elected to the County

Board of Commissioners, he ran for Mayor, was county chairman for the Red Cross, was chairman for the Jasmine Heights Community Center, and was the founder and President of the Rockford Club in New Port Richey, Florida. Thelma was active in the Art Club, Women's Club, and the Christian Science Church.

Stephen died in New Port Richey after a long illness (cancer) on November 11, 1972. Thelma returned to Rockford following his death, and is now residing at Caravella retirement home in Beloit, Wisconsin.

MY FATHER

My father, John (Jack) Halsted, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Halsted on November 10, 1921. He attended West View School, Roosevelt Junior High, West High, and Beloit College for two and a half years. At Beloit College, he belonged to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. At Roosevelt he was in the band and at West, he was in Rock and Scarpella. He enlisted in the navy and was in it from 1943-1945. He received a medical discharge because of rheumatic fever. He spent most of his time in the service in California

naval hospitals in Riverside and Oakland. After the service, he went to Beloit College and then worked for Schacht Tuck Auto Supply for less than a year, and then at American Insurance Company for one and a half years.

MY MOTHER

My mother, Carolyne (Lucas) Leisted, was born on September 14, 1920 in Chicago. She attended Howe, Betsy Ross, and any grade schools and Austin High School. Her activities included being co-editor of the school newspaper, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Honor Society, Job's daughters, Promises, and Girl Scouts. She attended Rockford College from 1947-1948. During college, Carolyne worked part-time in the admissions office and for the [illegible] company. In the summer, she worked out leads for an insurance company and as a cemetery operator at [illegible]'s. Carolyne started teaching in a one room school called West Heights one month before her nineteenth birthday.

MY PARENTS TOGETHER

John [illegible] and Caroline Lucas met at a young people's group at Second Congregational Church in the spring of 1950. They were married on November 18, 1950. John worked as an insurance agent for Union Central Life for six years. He then worked at the Block and Publ in the Men's department. Next, he was assistant manager of the [illegible] Brothers Store for six years. This later became known as [illegible] Marie [illegible]. [illegible] that asked to be the assistant manager at Weise's by our neighbor at that time, Mr. Jerome Needer- past President of Weise's and now Chairman of the Board. John was manager of Weise's North Towne and Colonial Village for nine years. He is presently a new car salesman at [illegible] Cadillac and Olds. He has been there for [illegible].

Carolyne started teaching fourth grade at [illegible] Park School in 1950 after their marriage. They then had a son, John Leonard, Jr., on [illegible] 17, [illegible], who is my only brother. I have no sisters. Carolyne taught again one year following [illegible]. John and Carolyne lived their first two years of marriage at 1422 East State Street in an apartment. Then they lived

with her in-laws for a year while she was teaching her second year at Lincoln Park. In July, 1953, John and Carolyne moved to their own home on [illegible] Sauber Avenue. On November 12, 1954, I, Linda Ruth was born.

Carolyne then returned to teaching on a part-time basis in the spring of 1960. I entered the first grade in 1960, so Carolyne returned to full time teaching at Lincoln Park where she taught seventh and eighth grade science and math. She taught at Lincoln Park for eight years, Wilson Junior High for two years teaching math, and is presently teaching math at Auburn High School. She has been there for six years. Carolyne received her Bachelor's Degree in 1960 from Rockford College and her Master's Degree in 1969 from Union College in Schenectady, New York on a National Science Foundation grant which took her three summers to complete. She also attended Murray State in Kentucky, San Jose State in California, Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, and the University of Illinois extension in Rockford. While she attended the colleges for the summer in Kentucky and

California my brother and I lived with her on campus and my dad visited regularly.

Carolyne has won two trips from contests. In 1959, she won the National Home Builders' Association trip to the Women's Housing Conference in Washington, D.C. and in 1960, she won a trip to the Kentucky Derby by picking the Academy award winners.

John's activities since marriage have been numerous. He was active in the past with the Jaycees, past president of the Kiwanis Club, past Deacon and choir member of Second Congregational Church, Employer chairman for the Rockford school district work-study program, fund raiser for Rockford Memorial Hospital Committee for Today and Tomorrow, Life Underwriter's Association officer, Cub Scout committee chairman, a member of the Lakewood Hills Association, and a Junior Achievement advisor for five years.

We have had a fairly normal family life. Our whole family only gets entirely together for Christmas. When we were younger we used to get together and do things. Here is a family outing at Blackhawk Statue:

My parents tried to bring us up in the Second Congregational Church, but religion never was stressed too much in our family. Now my brother and mother don't

attend church, my father goes fairly regularly, and I go regularly to St. Bernadette Catholic Church with my boyfriend.

My brother, John, was married on November 27, 1971 to Juliet Louise Hall. John graduated from Auburn High School in 1970 and attended the University of Illinois and Rock Valley College. He has been employed by Carle Discount Foods, RC Cola (which he won a $2000 boat from), and he presently has the dealership for Tombstone Pizza for a fifty mile radius from his home in Bloomington, Illinois. On October 25, 1973, his wife Julie, gave birth to their first child, Daniel Joseph, pictured below:

I graduated from Auburn High School in 1971. I have worked at Weise's for three and a half years. I plan on graduating from Rock Valley College in May, 1974, working this summer, finding a fulltime job in the fall, and visiting him on the weekends at the University of Illinois!

HANSEN, RANDOLPH JEROME, 1954-

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1. Your name RANDOLPH JEROME HANSEN
   Date of form ~~MAY 6, 1974~~
2. Your college: Rock Valley College
   Rockford, Illinois

3. Check the earliest date for which you have been able to say things about your family in your paper.

   ___ Before 1750 X 1750-1800 ___ 1800-1850
   ___ 1850-1900 ___ 1900 or later

4. Please check all regions of the United States in which members of your family whom you have discussed in your paper have lived.

   ___ New England (Mass., Conn., R.I.) ___ Middle Atlantic (N.Y., Penna., N.J., Va.)
   ___ South Atlantic (Ga., Fla., N.C., S.C.) ___ East South Central (La., Miss., Ala., Tenn, Ky.
   ___ West South Central (Ark., N.M., Tex., Ok.) X East North Central (Mich., Ohio, Ind.)
   X Pacific (Cal., Wash) ___ (Hawaii, Alaska)

5. Please check all occupational categories in which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have found themselves.

   X Farming ___ Mining X Shopkeeping or small business
   ___ Transportation ___ Big Business ___ Manufacturing
   X Professions X Industrial labor ___ Other

6. Please check all religious groups to which members of your family whom you have discussed in this paper have belonged.

   X Roman Catholic ___ Jewish ___ Presbyterian ___ Methodist
   ___ Baptist ___ Episcopalian ___ Congregational X Lutheran
   ___ Quaker ___ Mormon ___ Other Protestant ___ Other

7. What ethnic and social groups are discussed in your paper?

   ___ Blacks ___ Indians ___ Mexicans ___ Puerto Ricans
   ___ Jews X Central Europeans ___ Italians ___ Slavs
   ___ Irish ___ British ___ Native Americans over several generations
   ___ East Asian X Other

8. What sources did you use in compiling your family history?

   X Interviews with other family members ___ Family Bibles X Family Genealogies
   X Vital Records ___ Land Records ___ The U.S. Census
   ___ Photographs X Maps ___ Other

FAMILY DATA

A. Grandfather (your father's side)

Name MORTON FREDRICK HANSEN Current Residence _____
If dead, date of death 12-15-68

Place of birth NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN Date of Birth 8-3-1892

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st FARMING	Dates 1915-1947	1st NEW AUBURN	Dates 1892-1947
2nd FACTORY WORKER	Dates 1947-1957	2nd ROCKFORD, ILL	Dates 1947-1968
3rd	Dates	3rd	Dates
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion LUTHERAN

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. DEMOCRACTIC

Place of Marriage to your grandmother NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN date 10-20-1923

NOTE: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (A-1)

B. Grandmother (your father's side)

Name MARIE WEFLEN Current Residence ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
If dead, date of death _____

Place of birth SWIFT COUNTY, MINNESOTA Date of birth 1-12-1895

Education (number of years):
grade school 8 high school _____ vocational _____ college _____

Occupation(s)		PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st HOUSEKEEPING	Dates 1911-1923	1st COLFAX, WIS	Dates 1919
2nd	Dates	2nd NEW AUBURN, WIS	Dates 1923
3rd	Dates	3rd ROCKFORD, ILL	Dates 1947
4th	Dates	4th	Dates

Religion LUTHERAN

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. DEMOCRATIC

Place of marriage to your grandfather NEW AUBURN, WIS date [illegible]

Note: If your father was raised (to age 18) by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (A-2).

Grandfather (your mother's side)

Name HERMAN SCHIMMEL Current Residence CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN

If dead, date of death

Place of birth BLOOMER, WIS Date of birth 3-6-1901

Education (number of years):

grade school 5 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st FACTORY WORKER	Dates ?		1st BLOOMER, WISCONSIN	Dates ?
2nd FARMER	Dates		2nd CHIPPEWA FALLS	Dates ?
3rd	Dates		3rd	Dates
4th	Dates		4th	Dates

Religion

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. ?

Place of marriage to your grandmother BLOOMER, WISCONSIN date 1926

Note: If your mother was raised by a ~~stepfather or another relative (to age 18)~~ give that data on the back of this page (C-1)

Grandmother (your mother's side)

Name EMILY MATHELDA ZWIEFELHOFER Current Residence

If dead, date of death 3-17-73

Place of birth BLOOMER, WISCONSIN Date of birth 4-13-1901

Education (number of years)

grade school 7 high school vocational college

Occupation(s)

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)	
1st HOUSEWIFE	Dates ?		1st BLOOMER, WISCONSIN	Dates 1901
2nd	Dates		2nd EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN	Dates 1940's
3rd	Dates		3rd	Dates

Religion CATHOLIC

Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. ?;

Place of marriage to your grandfather BLOOMER, WISCONSIN date 1926

Note: If your mother was raised by a stepmother or another relative (to age 18) give that data on the back of this page (D-2)

CHILDREN of A & B (or A-1 or B-1) - your father's name should appear below

Name FREDRICK JEROME HANSEN
Place of birth BARRON COUNTY, WIS. date 11-18-1924
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation MACHINE ASSEMBLER
Residence ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 3

Name PHYLLIS HANSEN
Place of birth NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN date 11-26-1927
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation SECRETARY
Residence CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 2

Name CURT ORLANDO HANSEN
Place of birth NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN date 1-23-1930
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation ASSEMBLER
Residence DURAND, ILLINOIS Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 4

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

CHILDREN of C and D (or C-1, D-1)-your mother's name should appear below

Name FLORINE MARY SCHIMMEL
Place of birth BLOOMER, WISCONSIN date 2-23-27
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
Residence ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children 3

Name JERALD SCHIMMEL
Place of birth BLOOMER, WISCONSIN date 12-24-1931
Number of years of schooling 12 Occupation STORE WORKER
Residence MINNESOTA Marital Status MARRIED
Number of children NONE

Name
Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Place of birth date
Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

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Number of years of schooling Occupation
Residence Marital Status
Number of children

Your Father

Name FREDRICK JEROME HANSEN Current Residence ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
If dead, date of death

Place of birth BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN Date of birth 11-18-1924
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st FARMER Dates 1945 1st NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN Dates 1945
2nd DISTRIBUTOR Dates 1948 2nd ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Dates 1951
3rd CARPENTER Dates 1949 3rd Dates
4th ASSEMBLER-FOREMAN Dates 1951 CURRENT 4th Dates
Religion LUTHERAN

Political parties, civil or social clubs, fraternities, etc. INDEPENDENT

Place of marriage to your mother NEW AUBURN, WIS. date 6-30-1945
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepfather or another relative give that data on the back of this page. (E-2)

Your Mother

Name FLORINE MARY HANSEN Current Residence ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
If dead, date of death

Place of birth BLOOMER, WISCONSIN Date of birth 2-23-1927
Education (number of years)
grade school 8 high school 4 vocational college

Occupation(s) PLACE OF RESIDENCE (after leaving home)

1st FACTORY WORKER Dates 1951 1st NEW AUBURN Dates 1945
2nd FACTORY WORKER Dates 1954-56 2nd ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Dates 1951
3rd CLEANING WOMAN Dates 1968 3rd Dates

Religion LUTHERAN
Political party, civil or social clubs, sororities, etc. INDEPENDENT

Place of marriage to your father NEW AUBURN date 6-30-45
NOTE: If you were raised by a stepmother or another relative give that data on the back of this page (F-2).

HILDREN of E and F (or E-2, F-2) - your name should appear below

ame TERRY LEE HANSEN
lace of birth CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN Date of birth 10-6-1947
mber of years of schooling 16 Occupation SCHOOL TEACHER
esidence EVANSTON, ILL. Marital Status SINGLE
mber of children NONE

ame DEBRA KAY HANSEN
ace of birth CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN Date of birth 12-11-1949
mber of years of schooling 13 Occupation HOUSEWIFE
sidence LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS Marital Status MARRIED
mber of children 1

me RANDOLPH JEROME HANSEN
ace of birth ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Date of birth 8-6-1954
mber of years of schooling 14 Occupation COLLEGE STUDENT
sidence ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS Marital Status SINGLE
mber of children NONE

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III. ASSIGNMENT OF LITERARY RIGHTS (If you and your family are willing)

I hereby donate this family history, along with all literary and administrative rights, to the Rock Valley College Family History Collection, deposited in the Rockford Public Library, Rockford, Illinois

Signed Randolph J. Hansen

Date May 6, 1974

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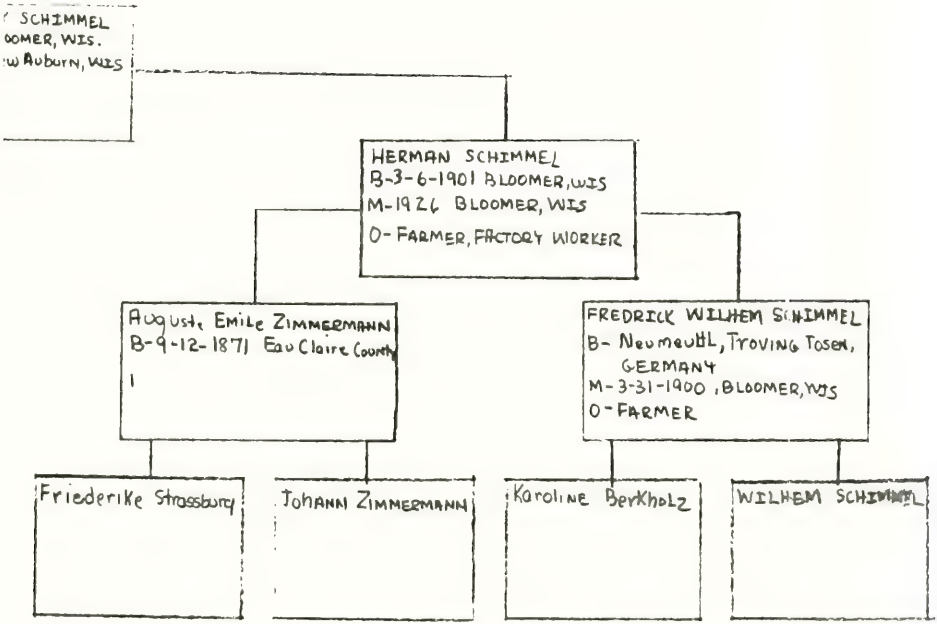
SCHIMMEL
OOMER, WIS.
W AUBURN, WIS
HERMAN SCHIMMEL
B-3-6-1901 BLOOMER, WIS
M-1926 BLOOMER, WIS
O- FARMER, FACTORY WORKER
August Emile ZIMMERMANN
B-9-12-1871 Eau Claire County
FREDRICK WILHEM SCHIMMEL
B- Neumeuhl, Troving Tosen, GERMANY
M-3-31-1900, BLOOMER, WIS
O- FARMER
Friederike Strassburg
Johann ZIMMERMANN
Karoline Berkholz
WILHEM SCHIMMEL

B- Born
M- Married
O- Occupation
D- Died

RANDOLPH JEROME HANSEN
B-8-6-1954

FLORINE MARY SCHIMMEL
B-2-23-1927 BLOOMER, WIS.
M-6-30-1945 New Auburn, WIS

EMILY MATHELDA Zwiefelhofer
B-5-13-1901 BLOOMER, WIS.
M-1926 BLOOMER, WIS
D-3-17-1973 Eau CLAIRE, WIS

HERMAN SCHIMMEL
B-3-6-1901 BLOOMER, WIS
M-1926 BLOOMER, WIS
O- FARMER, FACTORY WORKER

AGNES Urban
B-6-29-1876 BLOOMER, WIS
D-1-5-1940 BLOOMER, WIS

John A. Zwiefelhofer
B-11-28-1869 BLOOMER, WIS
O- FARMER
D-1964

August Emile ZIMMERMANN
B-9-12-1871 Eau Claire County
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FREDRICK WILHEM SCHIMMEL
B- Neumeuhl, Troving Tosen, GERMANY
M-3-31-1900, BLOOMER, WIS
O- FARMER

MARY Seibel
B-1860, Austria
D-5-26-1936 BLOOMER

LAWRENCE URBAN
B-1852, Austria
O- FARMER
D-3-14-1937
Tilden, WIS

Mary YOUNGWERT
B-4-8-18-29
Kalschina, CZECHLOSK.
D-1-25-1905
BLOOMER, WISCONSIN

John ZWIEFELHOFER
B-5-16-1823
Kalschina, CZECHLOSK.
O- FARMER
D-11-17-1905
BLOOMER, WIS

Friederike Strassbury

JOHANN ZIMMERMANN

Karoline Berkholz

WILHEM SCHIMMEL

A Note to the Reader

This project of my family history was written up in the spring of 1974. It deals in tracing back the history of my family as far as possible. Some parts of the project may not seem to be informative. This is due to the death of a grandparent or not having a close family relationship.

In the project, I discuss mainly the topics of schooling, leisure time, bringing up of the family, and a few other interesting aspects. I could have chosen a wider field of topics but due to my limited time and to keep the reader as interested as possible, I chose the aspects that interested me.

In trying to trace my family history back any further, it would have required knowing specific details of birth, marriage, and church. Money also would have to play a role in acquiring answers to my questions. I was very disappointed that I only received a few vital documents. I just couldn't locate anymore.

In the years to come I hope someone in my family will research even further and harder than I did. It will take time and patience but is well worth it.

Sincerely,

Randolph G. Hanson

CHRISTAN P. HANSEN, CALLED C.P., WAS ONE OF THREE CHILDREN BORN TO THE CHRISTAN AND FREDRIKKA HANSEN FAMILY ON APRIL 28, 1854, IN LANGELAND, DENMARK, NEAR THE ISLAND OF FYN. C.P.'S FATHER WAS A GARDNER. NOT LONG AFTER C.P.'S BIRTH, THE FAMILY MOVE TO ODENSE, DENMARK. HERE C.P. ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WHERE HE LEARNED THE TRADE OF A SHOEMAKER.

IN 1872, C.P, MIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES. ONE OF HIS FIRST FEW JOBS IN THE UNITED STATES WAS HAULING SUPPLIES FOR KNAPP STOUT COMPANY, A LUMBER COMPANY IN MENOMIE, WISCONSIN. THERE AT THE KNAPP STOUT , C.P. MET HIS WIFE TO BE, INGRID EGGEN. INGRID MIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HER PARENTS LEAVING NORWAY IN 1871. SHE THEN TOOK A JOB AS A COOK WITH THE SAME COMPANY C.P. WORKED FOR. ON NOVEMBER 23, 1882, C.P. AND INGRED WERE WED. THE WEDDING CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY THE BRIDES BROTHER, THE REV. THORE EGGEN.

AFTER THE WEDDING C.P. AND INGRID MOVED TO NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN, LOCATED ABOUT 100 MILES EAST OF THE MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA. THERE IN NEW AUBURN,

THEY BOUGHT A FARM AND LIVED ON IT FOR THE NEXT 33 YEARS. WHILE ON THE FARM THEY AHD TEN CHILDREN. THE FIRST FIVE BOYS AND THE LAST FIVE GIRLS. TWO OF THE CHILDREN DIED AS INFANTS AND ONE OTHER CHILD DIED AT SEVENTEEN. THE REMAINING CHILDREN, 3 BOYS AND 4 GIRLS, LIVED A FULL LIFE. THE THREE SONS OF C.P. WERE FARMERS FOLLOWING IN THEIR FATHERS FOOTSTEPS. THREE OF THE FOUR GIRLS CHOSE BEING A TEACHER FOR THEIR OCCUPATION, WHILE ONE WENT INTO THE NURSING FIELD.

C.P. WHILE IN NEW AUBURN WAS VERY ACTIVE IN BUSINESS. HE WAS FOUNDER OF A FARM STORE NEAR NEW AUBURN. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE FARM STORE FROM 1910-1937. C.P. ALSO SERVED ON THE COUNTY BOARD FOR SIX YEARS AS SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENT. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF SAND CREEK, WISCONSIN, AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF NEW AUBURN.

IN 1937, C.P. AND HIS WIFE MOVED TO LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HIS DAUGHTERS WERE LIVING AT THE TIME. THERE C.P. HANSEN DIED MARCH 3, 1939, WHILE HIS WIFE INGRID, DIED ON SEPTEMBER 17,1948.

Ole Helge Weflen was born in Vang Valdres, Norway, on December 28,1844. There in Vang Valdres, he learned the trade of a shoemaker. Ole left Norway with his parents and youngest brother on April 14,1869. They arrived in Chicago, by way of the St. Lawrence Sea Way on July 4, the same year. From Chicago they moved to Decorah, Iowa, where they lived for about one year.

In 1870, Ole and his family moved to Northfield, Minnesota about thirty miles south of Minneapolis-St. Paul, area. In Northfield, Ole was a shoemaker.

In the fall of 1874, Ole married Ragnild Stengrimson, of Rice County, Minnesota. Shortly afterward, they moved to Swift County, Minnesota. They lived with Ole's brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson, until they could establish a home. They had six children by their first marriage. Ragnild died Febuary 5,1891.

On November 4,1893, Anna P. Glittre and Ole were married in Swift County, Minnesota. They had eight children. The first being born December 12,1893. During this time the Weflens lived on a very rich soiled 160 arces Homestead farm. They were grain farmers. They didn't make the best money at the time

FOR THEY HAD TO SELL IT FOR WHAT THE ELEVATOR MAN GAVE THEM.

OLE COULD SPEAK VERY LITTLE ENGLISH.THE NEWS-PAPER THEY READ WAS STRICTLY NORWEGIAN.

OLE HELGE WEFLEN DIED ON MARCH 12,1924, BUT WAS NOT BURIED UNTIL MARCH 23. DURING THIS PEROID HE LAID IN THE FAMILY HOUSE AND WAS BURIED AT WEST NORWAY LAKE CHURCH.

MORTON FREDRICK HANSEN WAS BORN ON AUGUST 3,1892, IN NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN. HE WAS THE FOURTH OF TEN CHILDREN TO C.P. AND INGRID HANSEN. FREDRICK WAS RAISED ON A FARM IN WHICH HIS FATHER HAD WORKED FOR 33 YEARS. FREDRICK'S CHILD LIFE CONSISTED OF THE AVERAGE FARM BOY IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN. HE WOULD GET UP IN THE MORINING HELPING WITH CHORES AROUND THE BARN AND THEN EAT BREAKFAST. AFTER BREAKFAST HE WOULD GO TO SCHOOL. AND THE AFTER SCHOOL DO THE CHORES THAT HAD TO BE DONE BEFORE SUPPERTIME. FREDRICK WENT TO SCHOOL AS FAR AS EIGHTH GRADE, FINISHING THAT UP ABOUT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN. PEOPLE BACK IN THOSE DAYS ,EARLY 1900'S, WOULD GO TO SCHOOL UNTIL ABOUT THE EIGHTH GRADE. THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE FROM THE AGE OF 8, UNTIL AROUND THE AGE OF 23,24 YEARS IN SCHOOL. THIS WAS NOT VERY UNCOMMON. ONE TIME IN A SCHOOL CLOSE TO WHERE FREDRICK LIVED, THERE WAS AN EVENT THAT ALMOST COST A SCHOOL TEACHER HIS LIFE. THE STORY GOES THAT THE TEACHER DID SOMETHING THE OLDER KIDS DIDN'T LIKE. SO THE KIDS GOT A ROPE AND WERE GOING TO HANG THE TEACHER. THEY HAD THE ROPE AROUND HIS NECK BUT THE TEACHER'S HOLLERING SAVED HIS LIFE. A MAN RIDING BY IN HIS WAGON HEARD THE CRIES FOR HELP AND

RUSHED INTO THE SCHOOL AND SAVED THE TEACHER'S LIFE.

IN FREDRICK'S LEISURE TIME WHEN HE WAS A BOY, HE WOULD LOVE TO GO FISHING.. HE ALSO PLAYED BASEBALL AND LISTEN TO THE FIGHTS ON THE RADIO WHEN HE WAS OLDER.

IN 1915, FREDRICK AND JOE, FREDRICK'S BROTHER, STARTED FARMING THE FARM IN WHICH HIS FATHER ,C.P. , HAD FARMED EVERY SINCE HE HAD COME TO NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN, IN 1882.

ON DECEMBER 24,1915, MORTON FREDRICK HANSEN AND EMMA CHRISTINE OSTBY WERE MARRIED IN CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN. DURING THEIR MARRIAGE FREDRICK AND EMMA HAD THREE CHILDREN. MELTON, THELMA, AND THORA. ALL THE CHILDREN WERE BORN INBETWEEN 1916 AND 1921.

IN 1921, EMMA WAS FOUND TO HAVE THE DISEASE T.B. . THERE WAS NO CURE FOR THIS DISEASE THEN. IN ORDER FOR HER TO LIVE ON THE FARM WITH EVERYONE, FREDRICK AND JOE HAD TO BUILD HER A HUT OUTSIDE THE HOUSE. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS SHE DIED.

IN NEED OF A HOUSEKEEPER, AFTER HIS WIFE'S DEATH, FREDRICK HIRED MARIE WEFLEN IN JUNE OF 1923. ON SEPTEMBER 20,1923, FREDRICK AND MARIE WERE MARRIED. ON THEIR WEDDING TRIP, THEY WENT TO COLORADO. WHEN THEY RETURNED FREDRICK TOOK UP FARMING ONCE AGAIN,

BUT AT A DIFFERENT FARM THAN HIS FATHER'S. NOT HAPPY WITH THE FARM HE HAD GOTTEN, FREDRICK BOUGHT HIS FATHER'S FARM IN 1926. THE FARMING CONSISTED MAINLY OF DAIRY FARMING. THEY HAD HOGS, 500 AT ONE TIME, CHICKENS, AND COWS. SELLING AND BUYING HOGS WERE VERY INVESTABLE IN THE LATE 1920'S. BUT THE THE DEPRESSION CAME AND YOU COULD ONLY GET AROUND FIVE DOLLARS A HEAD FOR A HOG. THEY EVEN AT ONE TIME GAVE AWAY HOGS FOR CHRISTMAS.

THE MILK ROUTE THAT FREDRICK HAD WAS THE MAIN SPARK PLUG OF FINANCES ON THE FARM. FREDRICK WOULD HAVE TO GET UP IN THE MORNINGS ABOUT 2:00 OR 3:00 O'CLOCK. HE WOULD GET BACK HOME ABOUT 8:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING TO EAT BREAKFAST. IF THE MILK LOAD WAS REAL HEAVY HE WOULD HAVE TO DELIVER AFTER BREAKFAST. THIS TIME HE WOULDN'T GET HOME UNTIL ABOUT 1:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

ONE ORGANAZATION IN WHICH FREDRICK BELONGED TO WAS THE FARM UNION CO-OPS, IN WHICH THE FARMERS WOULD TRY TO STICK TOGETHER AND GET BIGGER AND BETTER PRICES FOR THEIR FOOD AND OIL.

FREDRICK STAYED IN FARMING UNTIL 1947, WHEN HE

AND MARIE MOVED TO ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS. HERE FREDRICK WORKED IN A FACTORY FOR TEN YEARS BEFORE RETIRING IN 1957.

ON DECEMBER 16, 1968, MORTON FREDRICK HANSEN DIED IN ROCKFORD. HE WAS BURIED IN THE SCANDINAVIAN CEMETERY IN ROCKFORD.

MARIE WEFLEN WAS BORN ON JANUARY 12,1895, IN A LOG CABIN IN SWIFT COUNTY,MINNESOTA. SHE WAS THE SECOND CHILD OF OLE HELGE AND ANNE PEDERSON WEFLEN. IT WAS THE SECOND MARRIAGE FOR HER FATHER.

IT WAS A VERY BIG FAMILY IN WHICH MARIE WAS BORN INTO. OLE HELGE BY HIS FIRST MARRIAGE HAD SIX CHILDREN AND EIGHT IN HIS SECOND MARRIAGE. THE BOYS AND HIRED MEN WOULD SLEEP IN ONE ROOM, WHILE THE GIRLS WOULD SLEEP IN ANOTHER ROOM.

MARIE WENT TO SCHOOL, UNTIL THE AGE OF SIXTEEN. SHE COMPLETED THE EIGHTH GRADE. AT SCHOOL, THEY HAD A VERY STRICT TEACHER. NO BODY IN SCHOOL LIKED HER AT ALL. THE TEACHER WOULD MAKE THEM SIT STRAIGHT IN THEIR SEATS, THEIR HANDS HAD TO BE FOLDED A CERTAIN WAY AND SO ON. ONE DAY THE TEACHER HAD BROKEN HER LEG, AND MARIE SAID,"THERE WAS NOT ONE OF US KIDS THAT WAS SORRY TO SEE HER WITH A BROKEN LEG." THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL FOR A COUPLE MONTHS.

WHEN THE FIRST WORLD WAR HAD STARTED, NO ONE WAS IN FAVOR OF IT. THE PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THEIR BOYS SENT OFF TO A WAR THAT WASN'T OURS. ONE MAN IN SWIFT COUNTY, BOUGHT A FARM SO HIS SONS WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO TO WAR. HE THEN SOLD THE FARM WHEN THE WAR WAS OVER.

AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN, MARIE WAS ON HER OWN IN LIFE. SHE WAS A HOUSEKEEPER. AT FIRST, SHE WOULD HOUSEKEEP FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND HER COUNTY. BY 1916, SHE CONTINUED TO HOUSEKEEP AND WAS GETTING FURTHER AWAY FROM HOME.

MARIE 'S FIRST REAL JOB OUTSIDE OF MINNESOTA WAS IN 1919. SHE WORKED IN A TOWN NAMED COLFAX, WISCONSIN. FOR A FAMILY NAMED EMERSON. SHE WORKED THERE AND AROUND COLFAX FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

IN 1923, MARIE ANSWERED AN ADD FOR A HOUSEKEEPING JOB IN NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN. SHE STARTED WORKING FOR MORTON FREDRICK HANSEN AND HIS FAMILY IN JUNE OF 1923. ON SEPTEMBER 20,1923,MARIE AND FREDRICK WERE MARRIED.

IN MARCH 1924, MARIE'S FATHER DIED. INHERITANCE WAS IN QUITE A SQUABBLE. MARIE RECALLS THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HER FATHER'S FIRST MARRIAGE CHEATED HER FATHER'S CHILDREN FROM HIS SECOND MARRIAGE OUT OF ALMOST EVERYTHING THAT HE WOULD OF GAVE THEM.

FREDRICK AND MARIE HAD THREE CHILDREN. FREDRICK JEROME BORN NOVEMBER 18,1924, PHYLLIS BORN NOVEMBER 26,1927, AND CURT ORLANDO BORN JANUARY 23,1930.

AFTER MOVING FROM THE FARM IN 1947,TO ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, MARIE HAS TAKEN CARE OF ELDERLY LADIES AND IS STILL DOING THAT TODAY AT THE AGE OF 79.

FREDRICK JEROME HANSEN WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 18, 1924, IN BARRON COUNTY, WISCONSIN. HE WAS THE FIRST OF THREE CHILDREN BORN TO MORTON FREDRICK AND MARIE HANSEN. FREDRICK WAS RAISED ON A FARM IN WHICH HIS GRANDFATHER, C.P. , HAD FARMED EVER SINCE HE HAD MOVED TO NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN IN 1882.

LIVING ON THE FARM WHEN FREDRICK WAS YOUNG WERE HIS TWO BROTHERS, THREE SISTERS, A HIRED MAN, AND HIS GRANDMOTHER FROM HIS MOTHERS SIDE, ANNE PEDERSON WEFLEN. EARLY MORINING WAS USUALLY SPENT DOING CHORES AROUND THE BARN WITH HIS BROTHERS. AFTER THAT,THEY WOULD EAT BREAKFAST AND LEAVE FOR SCHOOL. THEN AFTER SCHOOL, AGAIN CHORES AROUND THE FARM HAD TO BE DONE. WHEN SUPPER TIME ARRIVED, IT WOULD BE A MIGHTY BIG TABLE TO SET, WITH TEN PEOPLE EATING. THERE WERE NO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE SUPPER TABLE, EXCEPT THAT FREDRICK'S MOTHER AND FATHER WOULD ALWAYS SAT TOGETHER.

SUNDAY MORNING'S AROUND THE HANSEN HOUSEHOLD MEANT CHURCH FOR EVERYONE. IT WAS CONSIDERED THE DAY REST. MOST HOLIDAYS WERE SPENT AT HOME ON THE FARM. VERY SELDOM DID THEY GO TO A RELATIVES OR FRIEND'S HOUSE FOR A HOLIDAY. NO FAMILY REUNIONS OCCURED IN

THE HANSEN FAMILY WHILE FREDRICK WAS ON THE FARM.

WHEN SUMMERTIME ARRIVED IT MEANT CHORES FOR EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE WOMEN. THE WOMEN, BESIDES DURING THE HOUSE WORK, HAD THE CHORE OF MILKING THE COWS. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE WOMEN'S WORK AROUND THE HOUSE, WOULD BE TAKING CARE ANYONE THAT WAS SICK. SOMETIMES FREDRICKS FATHER ALSO WOULD HELP OUT IF SOMEONE WAS SICK.

THE FAMILY'S FIRST RADIO WAS BOUGHT IN THE MID 1920'S. IT WAS USED FOR LISTENING TO RADIO PROGRAMS, NEWS, SPORTS AND OTHER ENTERTAINING EVENTS. FREDRICKS FATHER WOULD ESPICALLY LISTEN TO THE FIGHTS WHEN THEY WERE BROADCASTED.

WHEN FREDRICK WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, HE PARTICIPATED IN BASEBALL, BOXING, BASKETBALL AND BAND. AROUND THE FARM FOR FUN, FREDRICK LIKED TO PLAY WITH HIS BEE-BEE GUN, BUT THIS ALSO GOT HIM INTO TROUBLE A FEW TIMES. ONCE HE WAS PLAYING WITH HIS YOUNGER BROTHER CURT AND ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIM IN THE KNEE. ANOTHER TIME IS WHEN FREDRICK SHOT A WINDOW OUT OF A CAR. THE WINDOW WAS SUPPOSE TO BE UNBREAKABLE, AND FREDRICK FOUND OUT IT WASN'T. FREDRICK SAID," I REMEMBERED AN ADD SHOWING DIZZY DEAN THROWING BASEBALLS

AT IT, AND COULDN'T BREAK IT." FREDRICK SURELY DIDN'T THINK A BEE-BEE GUN COULD BREAK IT.

MEANS OF DISCIPLINING THE CHILDREN WHEN THEY WOULD GET OUT OF HAND LIKE THAT WOULD BE BY EITHER FREDRICK'S FATHER'S BELT OR HAND, AND BY HIS MOTHER WITH A STICK FROM A NEAR BY TREE.

DAILY DECISIONS ON BUSINESS, FARMING, DISCIPLINE AND SCHOOLING WOULD BE DONE BY BOTH FREDRICKS MOTHER AND FATHER. BOTH HIS MOTHER AND FATHER WERE VERY INVOLVED IN THESE TYPES OF DAILY OCCURRENCES.

ON A BIG FARM SUCH AS THE ONE FREDRICK LIVED ON THERE WAS ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE PEOPLE. WHEN FREDRICK'S GRANDFATHER DIED, HIS GRANDMOTHER CAME TO LIVE WITH THEM EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE. THE ONLY WORDS SHE COULD SAY IN ENGLISH WERE,"YOU BET YOUR BOOTS." ALSO THERE WAS MORE WORK ON THE FARM THEN COULD BE HANDLED BY FREDRICK'S FATHER AND HIS SONS WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG. SO THEY HAD A HIRED MAN THAT LIVED ON THE FARM WITH THEM.

FAMILY MEMBERS WERE RANKED BY AGE. THE OLDEST ONE WOULD BE THE MOST PREVILIDGED AND THEN THE NEXT OLDEST AND SO ON. THE DAUGHTERS IN THE FAMILY WERE PERMITTED TO BE ON THERE OWN AT AGE 18, AS WERE THE

SONS. THE SONS WOULD STAY ON THE FARM UNTIL THEY HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN THEIR LIFE. FREDRICK DIDN'T LEAVE HOME UNTIL 20, WHILE HIS BROTHER CURT AND MELTON DIDN'T LEAVE HOME UNTIL 18 AND 25 YEARS OF AGE.

WHEN SOMEONE WAS MARRIED IN THE FAMILY THEY RECEIVED NO DOWRIES. WHEN C.P. HANSEN DIED, FREDRICK'S GRANDFATHER, THE DAUGHTERS OF C.P. RECEIVED ALL HIS BELONGINGS. C.P. LIVED WITH HIS DAUGHTERS OUT IN CALIFORNIA AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. THE SONS LIVED IN THE MIDWEST REGION OF THE UNITED STATES. FOR THIS REASON IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET EVERYTHING STRAIGHT. THIS CAUSED MUCH BITTERNESS BETWEEN C.P. HANSEN'S CHILDREN.

WHEN IT WAS TIME TO EMBARK ON ONE'S OWN FREDRICK'S FATHER AND MOTHER WOULD CERTAINLY HELP OUT THEIRS SONS AND DAUGHTERS IF NEEDED. WHEN FREDRICKS SISTER PHYLLIS STARTED OUT HER CAREER IN BUSINESS, THEY PROVIDED THE FUNDS WHEN NEEDED. ALSO WHEN FREDRICK STARTED OUT ON HIS OWN HIS PARENTS HELPED HIM ON HIS BEER ROUTE.

ON JUNE 30, 1945, FREDRICK JEROME HANSEN MARRIED FLORINE MARY SCHIMMEL IN NEW AUBURN, WISCONSIN. AT FIRST FREDRICK WAS GOING TO BE A FARMER BUT DECIDED

TO GIVE THAT UP FOR AWHILE AFTER THREE YEARS OF FARMINGS. IN 1948, HE STARTED HIS OWN BEER ROUTE IN THE NEW AUBURN AREA. IN 1949, ONCE AGAIN FREDRICK SWITCHED JOBS, THIS TIME WORKING FOR A ROOFING COMPANY IN WISCONSIN. ALSO BESIDES WORKING FOR THE ROOFING COMPANY IN 1949, FREDRICK HELPED ON A DAM IN THE NORTHERN WISCONSIN AREA. IN 1950, FREDRICK CONTINUED TO SWITCH JOBS. THIS TIME HE AND HIS WIFE ,FLORINE, WORKED AT A MEAT PACKING PLANT IN WISCONSIN .

IN 1951, WHEN FREDRICK'S YOUNGER BROTHER CURT HAD TOLD HIM THAT WORK WAS GOOD IN ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, HE AND HIS FAMILY MOVE THERE. FREDRICK TOOK A JOB AT SUNDSTRAND CORPORATION AND HAS BEEN WORKING THERE EVER SINCE AS A MACHINE ASSEMBLER AND FOREMAN.

HERMAN SCHIMMEL WAS BORN ON MARCH 6,1901, IN BLOOMER, WISCONSIN TO FREDRICK AND AUGUSTE SCHIMMEL. THERE OUTSIDE OF BLOOMER HE WAS RAISED ON A FARM. HERMAN'S SCHOOL EDUCATION WENT AS FAR AS THE FIFTH GRADE LEVEL. HERMAN, AS MOST KIDS HIS AGE, HELPED AROUND THE FARM BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DOING CHORES.

IN 1926, HERMAN MARRIED EMILY ZWIEFELHOFER OF BLOOMER, WISCONSIN. THEY WERE DIVORCED IN 1932. DURING THAT TIME HERMAN AND EMILY HAD TWO CHILDREN, FLORINE MARY , AND JERRY.

HERMAN TRIED HIS HAND AT MANY JOBS DURING THE DEPRESSION AND AFTER IT. ANY JOB HE COULD GET HE TOOK. HE TRIED FACTORY,JANITOR WORK AND FARM WORK.

TODAY HERMAN IS LIVING IN CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN, AND IS SEMI-RETIRED. HELPING OUT PEOPLE HERE AND THERE EVERYONCE IN A WHILE.

Emily Mathelda Zwiefelhofer was born on April 13, 1901 to John and Agnes Zwiefelhofer in Bloomer, Wisconsin. There outside of Bloomer she was raised with her five brothers and seven sisters on a farm. Emily's school education went as far as the seventh grade. Before and after school Emily would work around the house helping her mother with the daily chores. Come Sunday everyone would get up early and go to Mass.

In 1926, Emily married Herman Schimmel of Bloomer, Wisconsin. Their marriage was not a long one, but did last until 1932 when they were divorced. During their marriage they had two children. Florine Mary, born on Febuary 23,1927, and Jerry, born on December 24, 1931.

During the depression Emily worked anyway possible to lessen the affect of it on the family. Emily lived close to the Bloomer area for the rest of her life. She died on March 17,1973 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Florine Mary Schimmel was born on Febuary 23, 1927, in Bloomer, Wisconsin to Herman and Emily Schimmel. She was the first of two children to Herman and Emily.

At the age of five, Florine's parents were divorced and she lived with her mother and little brother Jerry in the town of Bloomer. During the summers, when Florine was young, she and her brother Jerry would spend much of their time on their grandfather's farm, John Zwiefelhofer, just a few miles outside of Bloomer. There, Florine would play and do little chores around the house. When older, Florine would spend the summers working in town. The big day in Bloomer during the summertime would be the 4th of July. People would line the streets to watch the parade and the fire works that would follow.

Family reunions were not to often in the Schimmel and Zwiefelhofer families. Only once there was a reunion when Florine was at home with her family. That time it was held in the summertime in a big park outside of Bloomer.

Sundays were the day of rest in the Schimmel

FAMILY. EVERYONE WOULD RISE EARLY SUNDAY MORNING AND ATTEND MASS. AT THE DINNER TABLE THERE WOULD BE NO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HOW THE SAT. IT WOULD JUST BE EMILY, FLORINE AND JERRY. WHEN FLORINE OR JERRY WERE SICK EMILY WOULD ALWAYS FIND TIME FROM WORK AND TAKE CARE OF HER CHILDREN.

WHEN EVER FLORINE OR JERRY WOULD GET OUT OF HAND, EMILY WOULD DISCIPLINE THEM BY SPANKING. FLORINE WHEN SHE WAS OLD ENOUGH WOULD START WORKING PART TIME AFTER SCHOOL, BESIDES WORKING THE SUMMERS, TOO. RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FAMILY WAS RANKED ACCORDING TO AGE. FLORINE WAS MUCH ON HER OWN IN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT SCHOOLING, WORKING, AND HOW SHE WANTED TO SPEND HER LIFE. HER MOTHER AND GRANDPARENTS MADE SUGGESTIONS, BUT DID NOT INFLEUNCE HER GREATLY.

WHEN A SON IN THE ZWIEFELHOFER FAMILY WAS MARRIED AND WANTED TO BECOME A FARMER, THE FATHER WOULD USUALLY SET HIM UP ON A FARM AND GIVE HIM SOME LAND. WHEN SOMEONE WOULD DIE IN THE ZWIE FELHOFER FAMILY AND THERE WAS AN INHERITANCE , THE SONS IN THE FAMILY WOULD RECEIVE THE MOST VALUABLE THINGS, WHILE THE DAUGHTERS WOULD GET VERY LITTLE.

At the age of 18, Florine was considered an adult. On June 30,1945,Fredrick Jerome Hansen and Florine Mary Schimmel were wed in New Auburn, Wisconsin. For the next five years Fredrick and Florine lived in the New Auburn area of Wisconsin. They had two children in Wisconsin, Terry and Debbie.

In 1950, Florine worked briefly in a meat packing factory. But soon after that , they moved to Rockford, Illinois, in the summer of 1951. In August of 1954, Fredrick and Florine had their Third and final child named Randy. Since 1954, Florine has worked at a factory in Rockford, 1954-56, and at Howard Johnson's Motor Inn in 1968. Florine's hobbies are gardening and book reading.

Terry Lee Hansen was born on October 6, 1947, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He was the first of three children to Fredrick and Florine Hansen. At the age of three his family moved to Rockford, Illinois. Terry went to grade school at Lincoln Park and Ellen Stiles schools from 1953-1961. Beginning in 1962, he went to Wilson Jr. High School. At Wilson, Terry participated on the football team where he played tackle and end. From the years 1963-1965, Terry went to Auburn High School. There at Auburn, he was sports editor of the weekly newspaper, on the yearbook staff, and also was a member of the sophmore football team.

Beginning in 1966, Terry started college majoring in History and his minor in English. His freshman year in college was spent at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. In 1967, he transferred to Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Illinois where he graduated from college in 1969.

Terry's first year of teaching was in a small town high school in the middle of Illinois named Georgetown. There at Georgetown, he was a History teacher and the freshman football coach. In 1971,

TERRY STARTED TEACHING SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES AT SKOKIE, ILLINOIS AND IS STILL TEACHING THERE TODAY.

TERRY'S HOBBIES ARE PICTURE TAKING, BIKE RIDING, AND READING. HE HAS TRAVELED TO EUROPE TWICE AND ENGLAND ONCE.

Debra Kay Hansen was born December 11,1949, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. She was the second of three children to the Fredrick and Florine Hansen. At the age of one Debbie's family moved to Rockford, Illinois.

Debbie started grade school in 1955 and went to both Lincoln Park and Ellen Stiles grade schools. In 1964, Debbie enrolled at Auburn High School as a freshman and graduated from Auburn High School in 1967. There at Auburn she excelled in Spanish and was on the newpaper, and the yearbook staffs'.

In 1968, Debbie enrolled at Northern Illinois University at Dekalb, Illinois. But after one year of college she elected no to attend anymore. After that she worked at Swedish American Hospital for a short time.

On March 28,1969, Debbie married William E. Anderson of Murray, Kentucky. William worked for Amerock Company at the time in Rockford, Illinois. On November 6, 1971 Debbie and Bill had their first child, a girl, named Rachel Marie Anderson born in Rockford. In fall of 1972, the family moved to Murray, Kentucky. Close to Murray, Bill tried his hand at running a gas station. Unable to make a good profit

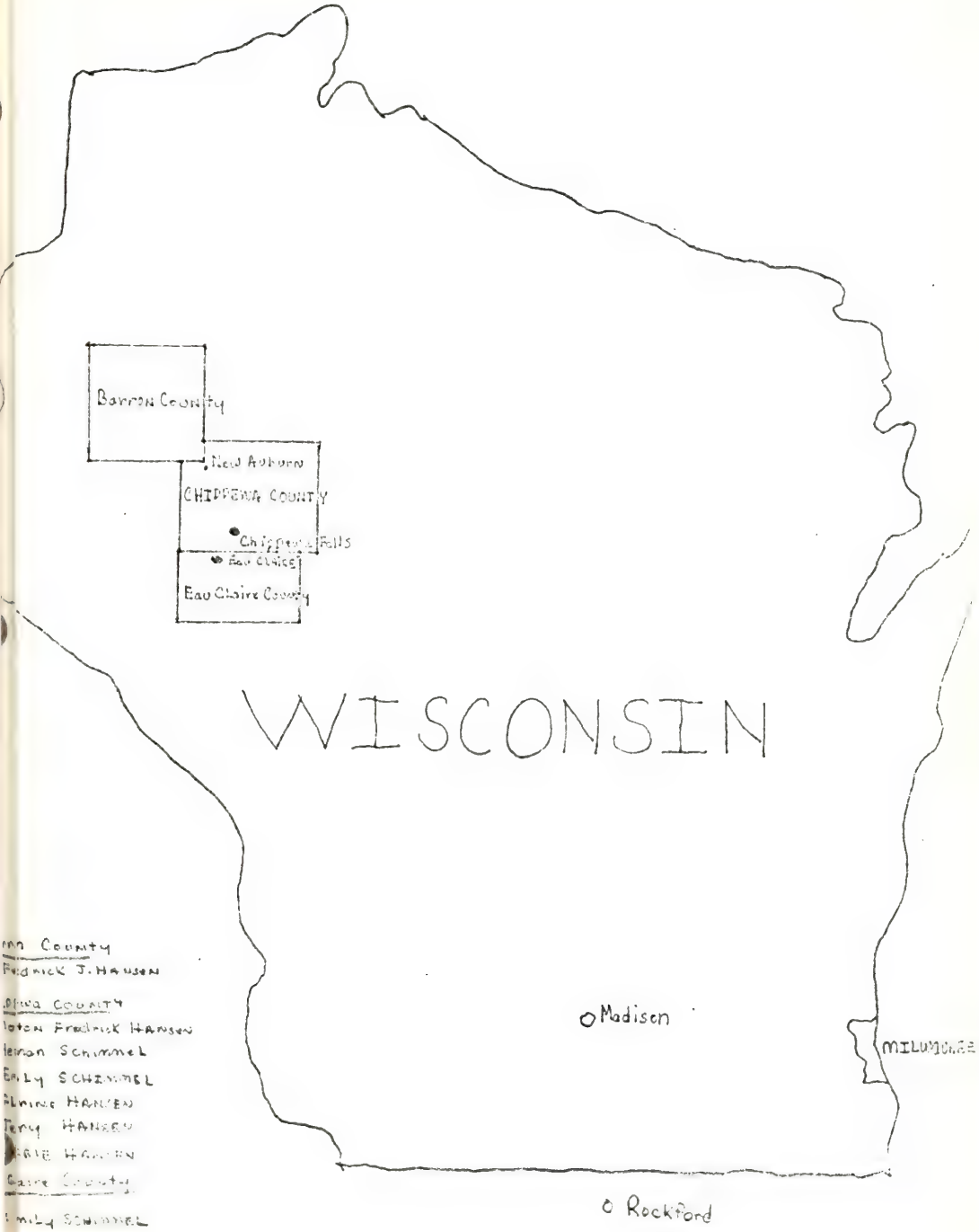
BILL, DEBBIE, AND RACHEL MOVED BACK TO ROCKFORD IN THE FALL OF 1973, WHERE IS NOW ONCE AGAIN EMPLOYED AT THE AMEROCK COMPANY.

RANDOLPH JEROME HANSEN WAS BORN ON AUGUST 6,1954, IN ROCKFORD,ILLINOIS. HE WAS THE THIRD OF THREE CHILDREN BORN TO FREDRICK AND FLORINE HANSEN. RANDY ATTENDED ELLEN STILES GRADE SCHOOL FROM 1960-1966. IN 1967, RANDY ENROLLED AT WILSON JR. HIGH SCHOOL WHICH HE ATTEND UNTIL 1969. AT WILSON, RANDY PLAYED GUARD ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM IN SEVENTH, EIGHTH, AND NINTH GRADES. ALSO IN HIS FRESHMAN YEAR IN JR. HIGH SCHOOL HE PLAYED QUARTERBACK AND END ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM. FROM 1970-1972, HE ATTENDED AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE GRADUATED FROM. THERE AT AUBURN , RANDY PLAYED ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM TWO YEARS AND PLAYED SHORTSTOP FOR THE BASEBALL TEAM FOR THREE YEARS.

EXCITING EVENTS FROM RANDY'S PAST INCLUDE PLAYING SHORTSTOP FOR THE ROCKFORD BRONCO LEAGUE ALSTARS IN 1967. THAT 1967TEAM PLACED THIRD IN THE NATION, ONLY TO BE BEATEN BY THE WINNER OF THE SERIES, A CUBAN BALL CLUB WHICH PLAYED BASEBALL 12 MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR, COMPARED TO THE ROCKFORD BALL CLUB WHICH ONLY PLAYED 4 MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR. THAT BRONCO LEAGUE WORLD SERIES WAS PLAYED IN KINGSVILLE, TEXAS. ALL EXPENSES WERE PAID. IN THE SUMMER OF 1969, RANDY PLAYED ON THE ROCKFORD

PONY LEAGUE ALSTARS. IN THAT YEAR THE ROCKFORD TEAM GOT AS FAR AS THE QUARTER-FINALS IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN. ONLY TO BE BEATEN OUT . ONCE AGAIN IT WAS TO THE WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT. ALL TOGETHER RANDY ENDED UP PLAYING BASEBALL IN THE ROCKFORD SUMMER BASEBALL PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL OF NINE SUMMERS. IT IS ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS IN THE NATION.

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RANDY HAD WORKED FOR BOLENDER JEWELRY STORE AND THE TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY FOR SUMMER AND PART-TIME JOBS. RANDY IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT SUNDSTRAND'S IN ROCKFORD AND IS IN HIS SECOND YEAR OF COLLEGE AT ROCK VALLEY JR. COLLEGE.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Certificate of Marriage

STATE OF MINNESOTA — COUNTY OF HENNEPIN S.S.

I Hereby Certify, that on the 10th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 23 at Minneapolis in said County I the undersigned, a clergyman did join in the holy bonds of Matrimony according to the laws of this State,

Worden F. Hansen

of the County of Chippewa State of Wisconsin and

Marie O. Weflen

of the County of Chippewa State of Wisconsin

in presence of

Irene Hansen

Witnesses. F W Eggen

Konfirmations-Bevis

JOH. 6.54.

DERFOR,
HVER DEN, SOM VIL
BEKJENDE MIG FOR MENNESKERNE
HAM VIL OGSAA JEG BEKJENDE FOR
MIN FADER, SOM ER
I HIMMELEN

32.

Morten Frederik Hansen

født den 3de August 1892

konfirmeret den 14de Oktober 1906

i Dovre Menighed

Barron Co. Wis.

Niv Refsdal

PASTOR

ODENSE POSTKONTOR
L. GRÅBRØDRESTRÆDE 1
TELEFON 120483 . POSTKONTO 21393

Den 27.3.1963.
J. nr. 993.

Mr. Terry Hansen,
107, Westmoreland Ave.,
Rockford, Illinois.

I regret to have to inform you that for lack of further particulars I am not able to help you tracing your ancestors, as CHRISTIAN and HANSEN are the most common danish names and the island of Langeland as well as the island of Fyen include several cities and locations and a numerous population.

Possibly The Salvation Army, Search Department, Tingvej 54, København S., might be able to provide informations, but probably it will be necessary to state full name and date and place of birth of at least one of the ancestors in request.

Yours truly

J. Grauslund
postmaster.

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Tarea

Nils T. Eggen and Anna Nygaard {Not positive of her name

Occupation {Farmer + Carpenter

Children

Thore Eggen - Became Lutheran Pastor

Paul Eggen - Farmer

Jens Eggen - Died as a young man

Twins {Ole - Mailman
Mollie - Housework

Emelia - Married, Oscar Anderson, Farmer

Peter - Farmer - Later worked many years for Dupont Co. Gibbstown, N.J.

Ingrid Eggen - Mrs. Christian T. Hansen
Born July 4, 1864, Poraas, Norway

The Nils T. Eggen Family migrated to United States in 1871 Locating at Prairie Farm, Wisconsin.

Daughter Ingrid, worked as a cook for Knapp Stout + Co. at Menomonie, Wis.

Christian T. Hansen + Ingrid Eggen,

Married November 23, 1882 at Prairie Farm, Wisconsin

They then moved to New Auburn Wis. where they bought a farm and lived for 33 yrs.

Ten children were born on this farm

1. Theodore - Died at 17 yrs.
2. Norman - Farmer
3. Joseph - Farmer -
4. Frederick - Farmer - moved to Rockford ?
5. Arthur - Died as infant
6. Girl - Died as infant
7. Helen - Teacher - Mrs. W. E. Jensen
8. Theodora - Teacher - Mrs. C. J. Wick
9. Irene - Nurse - Mrs. Dale Allsup
10. Edna - Teacher - Mrs. J. W. Bragstad

PARENTS - C.R. Hansen's Parents

CHRISTIAN + FREDRIKKA HANSEN

ON, GARDENER

CHILDREN
- HANNAH - MARRIED MARTIN CLAUSEN
- THEODORE - DIED A YOUNG MAN
- CHRISTIAN T. HANSEN, BORN APRIL 28, 1854

Father

BIRTHPLACE { LANGELAND ON THE ISLAND OF FYEN

LATER THEY MOVED TO ODENSE WHERE HE ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WHERE HE LEARNED THE SHOEMAKER TRADE

MIGRATED TO U.S IN 1872

WORKED FOR THE KNAPP STOUT & CO (LUMBER CO) HAULING SUPPLIES.

THERE HE MET THE COOK FOR THIS COMPANY, INGRID EGGEN, WHOM HE MARRIED NOVEMBER 23, 1882

THE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY THE BRIDE'S BROTHER, REV. THORE EGGEN.

MOVED INTO TOWN OF [illegible], WISCONSIN 1915

BESIDES FARMING, C.T. HANSEN WAS ACTIVE IN BUSINESS, SERVING ON THE COUNTY BOARD FOR SIX YEARS AS SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS. PRESIDENT OF THE FARMER STORE CO. 1910 - 1937. PRES. OF BANK SAND CREEK, WIS. + VICE PRES. OF BANK OF NEW AUBURN.

C.P. HANSEN DIED MARCH 3, 1939
MRS. C.T. HANSEN DIED SEPTEMBER 17, 1948
} AT LONG BEACH, CALIF. WHERE THEY HAD LIVED SINCE 1937

in Remerie

Peder Johnsen Glittre
Barnen in Gal Halingdal Norvi
feberuer 1829 af Johans Johnsen and Anne
Baptas and Komferm af Pastor Hansen
in Gal Chars i Gal Haling dal his
fader ola Pessed a vei men Peder vas a
kid Saa his mader tak car af him ta
Peder ben Saa hi Kan aut and tak car
af cattel den hi lood tred vet a cattel
gakter end efter dat tim hi vas ale
over der in Halingdal for hi gat cal
from Plac to Plac Sen in 1834 hi ben
meret to Ingeborg haga She vas barn 1834
i Gal Halingdal ben Baptis and Char fam
le Saa i Gal Chars efter dem Ben meret
the Sited down an g Smaa farm Peder
dar Plety to da vet Vetenery rand hang
the a famell af tan 12 Children te dei
ven the over Bebe Ingeborg Anders Lee Margit
Anne John Maline Birget Hendrik Anders
al af dem Kam to a Sa Anders and Lee
Kam tu Griffie Konte in May 1853 mer for der
fader Kam den hi Sen efter his famel
Saa the ale cam the Kindan Mine Sl

Peter Johnson Gaitter — Marie's Grandpa
born Col Halingdal, Norway, Feb., 1827
Parents — Johans Gulmsen + Anne Baptas
[illegible] born in Col Halingdal. His father
Johans passed [illegible] (Gulmsen) when Peter
was a small boy. His mother took care of
[illegible] Placet [illegible] In 1854
[illegible]
[illegible] in 1834, Col Halingdal. [illegible] were
married they [illegible] on a small farm. He
was [illegible] He had a family of
[illegible] Engborg, Andrew, Ole, Margret, Anne
Grandma mother, John, Malina, Margret, Hendrik,
Andrew, (Small Boy Andrew) [illegible] Grandpa
[illegible] Redwing,
Min, in Kipte County [illegible] May, 1913 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
till 1885. [illegible] moved to Pope County where [illegible]
a homestead [illegible] died in [illegible] Feb., 1911. Engborg
died March, 1922. [illegible] all dead now

THIS IS AN ADDED SUPPLEMENT WHICH ALMA WEFLEN DID ON THE WEFLEN FAMILY. IT ADDS MANY DETAILS OF HOW AND WHY THE WEFLEN'S CAME TO THE UNITED STATES.

My Grandfather, Helge Guliksen Weflen, 1874-1892, was born on a "Gaard" (farm) called Remmen, in Vang, Valders, Norway. Each "gaard" was usually named after the owner, who had a home for himself and also homes for the workers on the gaard. These homes were built in groups and had the appearance of a small village on the mountain side. Often the people who worked on these farms took the name of the Gaard as their own name. Therefore it often happened that brothers who worked on different farms, would each have a different name. Grandfather called himself Helge Guliksen as his father's name was Gulik, but after working on the the Weflen gaard he called himself Helge Guliksen Weflen. The original spelling of the name was "Veblen", later changed to Veflen and then to "Weflen". There is still a "Veblen" gaard in Valders, Norway. (at the time of this writing).

My Grandmother Weflen, whose maiden name was Marit Andersdatter Lokremsen 1806-1896, was born on a gaard called "Gjevre", also in Vang, Valders, Norway. Grandfather at the age of sixty five years and Grandmother at the age of sixty three years, left Norway for America on a sail boat on April 21, 1869, together with two sons, Ole and my father whose name was Gunder, (also called Gunnar).

It was a long hard journey as it took several weeks to cross the sea. They landed at Quebec, Canada and the journey inland was continued by way of the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes. The rail-roads did not reach very far inland from New York at that time, so most of the travelers intending to settle in the middle west came by way of Quebec and the Great Lakes.

They carried with them many hand made wooden boxes, beautifully decorated with painted designs. Some of these were filled with fladt brød, ost, and spikke kjød (flat bread, cheese and dried meat (beef) to eat on the way. There was gamel ost, prim ost, pult ost and gjeit ost.

Before leaving their home land it was required of them to have an "Attest" or paper written out by their Pastor, giving dates of their birth and baptism and remarks about the character of the family and their church attendance. This "Attest" for which thirty-two "shillings" were paid is still in fair condition, also their hymn book which was printed in 1832 and their new testament printed in 1855. Two boards from their home made trunk, still in good condition. (at time of this narration).

In 1871 my grandparents and their daughter-Gro and family and Andris and his wife Ingebor, moved to Goodhue County, Minnesota. Then, in 1872 they moved to Renville County, Minnesota. There were twelve families who travelled in a group to Renville County, in wagons drawn by oxen, the journey taking several days. They camped along the trail for rest and food. The oxen found an abundance of good grass to eat along the way. The oxen were very slow travelers and had heavy loads to pull, so it was often necessary for one man to walk beside them to prod them along. My father did not go with this group as he continued his work as a tailor in Northfield, Minnesota and Decorah, Iowa.

My grandparents homesteaded eighty acres of land in Renville County about four miles east of Granite Falls, Minnesota, which joined the homestead of their son Gulik. Gro and Gunnar Gjevre homesteaded a piece of land also but forfeited it to the Government in order to homestead a better eighty which joined the homestead of the brother Andres. This land is located four miles north of Sacred Heart, Minnesota. Since they lived so near they could be of much help to each other. Neighbors were few and towns far away and no roads at that time.

The nearest flour mill was at Willmar, Minnesota, a distance of about
cty miles, so they had to haul their wheat there to have it ground in-
to flour. Two or more men from the same neighborhood would go together
the same time in order to help each other. The wagons would get stuck
the mud in the summer time and would have to be unloaded in order to
e through and then reloaded again. In winter they sometimes were caught
a bad snow storm across the prairies where homes were few and far between.
the return trip the following day or two, the wagons loaded with flour
other necessary supplies to last for several weeks.

Some years their crops were destroyed by grass-hoppers, which came like a
lck cloud over their fields, moving from place to place. Then again at times
ir fields would be swept by a prairie fire which destroyed every thing in
t path. As fuel was scarce and hard to get they sometimes twisted long
ass into tight bundles to use for fuel. Later they gathered wood from the
oves along the river, several miles away. There were many trials and hard-
ips for these early settlers, but in time conditions became better, as the
waukee railroad was built and new towns sprung up near by.

My grandparents had very little money so their new home on the prairie
like that of many others, built in a hill-side and called a dug-out, or
d shanty. They lived in it for some years with only the earth for a floor.
ne times they walked across the prairie to Granite Falls, a distance of
ut four miles, carrying a few pounds of butter and some eggs in a basket
exchange for supplies at the store. They had to wade across Hawk Creek as
ere was no bridge at that time and no good roads.

eir home town in Norway was Vang and their home here was Vang township. Grandfather
died at the age of eighty-eight years and grandmother spent her last
ars at the home of her daughter Gro. She reached the age of nin-ty years.
th are buried in Vestre Sogn Cemetery, near their old home.
eir children were:-

Gro Gjevre	August 10, 1835-March 1924 - age 89 years.
Gulik	1833 1899 - age 66 years.
Andris	January 23,1842-March 21, 1932 - age 90 years.
Ole	December 28, 1846-March 12, 1924 - age 78 years. (died on day of his sister Gro funeral)
Gunder	April 12, 1849-February 27, 1921 - age 72 years.

narrated by

Alma. WEFLEN

My father Gunder Helgesen Weflen, April 12, 1849-February 7, 1921 was born in Vang, Valders, Norway. As a young man he learned the tailor trade in Norway as he was an apprentice for an experienced tailor, who travelled from home to home making clothing for all in the family. In 1864 Gunder was confirmed in the Vang Church in Norway, together with a group of sixty or more young people, who came together from a large district or "Bygd" as it was called. This group was made up of three classes, having had instruction in their own locality during the year. When meeting for instruction they had to walk such a long distance that it was necessary for them to remain overnight, so they were given food and lodging and they walked home again the following day, in groups and always in fear of wild animals along the way, which was along the mountain side. On the day of Confirmation they were judged for their ability in reading and knowledge. I was told by one who was a classmate of his, that my father received the third highest rating in the class of sixty.

He came to Winneshiek County, Iowa, in 1868, together with his parents and brother Ole. After working for some time in Northfield he was married to Marie Christine Carlsdaughter Aarnes in the Washington Prairie Lutheran Church, near Decorah, Iowa on April 5, 1874, by the pioneer pastor Vilhelm Koren. They were married on Easter Sunday following the morning service. They lived in Decorah a few years, where he worked in a tailor shop. In the spring of 1881 with Clara, Carl and Henry they moved to Granite Falls, Minnesota, where he purchased a building and started a tailor shop of his own, making suits and over-coats. For a few years they lived in rooms over the shop and then moved into a new home which he built in 1887. After a few years he sold his business building and moved his shop into another building which he also owned. In 1900 he purchased three eightys of land which had never been plowed. A grove had to be planted and buildings erected. Later he purchased another eighty joining, which made a half section, 320 acres.

My mother, Marie Christine Aarnes, January 7, 1852-August 23, 1921, was born in Hakkedal, near Oslo, Norway. As a small child she came with her parents and other relatives to Winneshiek County, Iowa, in 1853, where she grew up, on her parents farm. When old enough she had to work for neighbors, helping with the house work. She was nine years old at the time of the Civil War and remembered seeing groups of men and boys walking past her home on their way to Lansing, Iowa, to enter into service for their country. Some of her relatives also fought in the Civil War. The brick school-house, Bakke School in Frankville township, where she attended school is still in use.(at time of this writing) It was one of the earliest schools built in that County. She walked several miles to the parsonage, near the Washington Prairie Lutheran Church for confirmation instruction, travelling over hills and ravines. She was confirmed and married by Rev. Vilhelm Koren.

Father and Mother are both buried in the Hillcrest Cemetery near Granite Falls, Minnesota.

The children of Gunder and Marie Weflen are:-

1. Clara Mathilda March 6, 1875-October 1, 1925 - married in 1907 to Adolf Osmundsen d. 1929
   (a) Gunda Marie Jostad November 26, 1908, married Hans Jostad d.September 11, 1965
   (b) Olga Anitta Bergstrom ~~November 26, 1909~~, married Leonard Bergstrom- children: Louise, Dorothy and Charles.

2. Carl July 26, 1877-March 1, 1956, married in 1905 to Julia Peterson April 9, 1882-March 1, 1966
3. Henry Weflen December 9, 1879, married in 1912 to Elinor Johnson b.May 25,1884-d.May 2, 1954
   (a) Robert Henry July 21, 1914, wife Meda Jertson -children
      Janice Susanne July 1944
      Craig August 2, 1947
   (b) Esther Marie, March 3, 1920, married Wayne Ekholm
      Jennifer Elise
4. Andrew Gerhardt, February 9, 1882 - December 16, 1959
5. Albert Emil December 14, 1883
6. George June 11, 1886-July 11, 1886 - first person buried in Hillcrest Cemetery.
7. George May 22, 1887 - married in 1913 to Marthelena Soland, February 12, 1889-December 24, 1942 → 1942
   (a) Bertha Marie β-August 26, 1913- D Aug. 2/1969
      married Sverre Svenson
      children: Carl, David, Gary and Richard.
   (b) Gunhilda Bernice, August 13, 1915
      married William Demsey
      children: Terry and Laurie
   (c) Ruth Wilma, August 29, 1922-
      married Ray Pankow
      children: Ronald Leigh, Linda Marie

Alma Kathinka, May 23, 1890
Norman Benjamin, July 13, 1893.

narrated by

Alma Weflen

This information related by Amanda Lien Rachie grand-daughter of Amund Gulbranson Holm.

My Grandfather Amund Gulbrandsen Holm, September 18, 1788-1879, was born in Hakkedal, Norway, near Oslo. His wife's name was Karen Nelson and as no record of her has been found, it is believed that she passed away in Norway. From records written by himself we learn that Amund Holm was confirmed in the Maas Church in Norway, after confirmation he was in military training and became a body guard for the king. Military training was compulsory there at that time. His discharge papers, now owned by a relative shows that this was while Norway was under the rule of Denmark. Later he was with the Hakkedal Iron Works for thirty nine years. In 1853 Amund Gulbrandsen Holm came to America, together with three daughters and a married son, who called himself Carl Amundsen Aarnes, using his wife's name, maiden name Aarnes.

Carl's wife was Maren Karine and their baby daughter was Marie Christine, my mother.

A son of Amund and a daughter Greta Berg, are known to have remained in Norway. There were also several other relatives who came over at the same time. When they were about to leave Norway, the sail boat was frozen in the ice, so they had to wait a few days before they could leave. Eager to get a good view from all sides, Amund Holm walked on the ice all the way around the boat, carrying his grand child, Marie Christine, my mother, in his arms. Just a short time later the ice broke away very suddenly and unexpectedly at that time. They had many hand carved and painted boxes and chests along with them from Norway. Mother never received any of them, as they were given to other relatives and friends.

The following information by George Weflen:
They chose to settle on land south east of Decorah, Iowa, in Frankville township. As the Homestead Act had not been passed yet at that time, the family purchased government land, paying two hundred dollars in gold money for one hundred and sixty acres.

The land had been open for settlers in 1848, but only a few Norwegians came before the year of 1851. The son Carl, my grandfather, passed away a year after coming to America. A log building, their first home remained on the farm for many years. A new house was built in a different location on the farm and the log building was moved and made into a granary, with a shed on each side.

Second narration by Amanda Lien Rachie:
Grandmother married again in 1855 and her father-in-law Amund Holm moved in 1856 to a farm near Red Wing, Minnesota to live with a daughter, Mrs Nels Lien. He also took with him his daughter Anne, who was crippled after having had paralysis, as she also was to make her home there.

The young newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Lien drove to their new home with a yoke of oxen and also had a cow and some chickens along. The load was heavy as they had so many chests and boxes and the crippled girl had to ride all the way and as Amund Holm was getting quite old he also rode most of the way. The young couple walked a good deal of the way to lighten the load and prod the oxen along. Amund Holm did blacksmith work in Goodhue County as long as he was able. He is buried in Vang Cemetery, near Dennison, Minnesota.
His children were:

Carl Amundsen Aarnes	(mother' father)
Marthe	(Mrs. Nels Lien)

continued

Nicolene (Mrs. Christian Finstad, Red Wing, Minnesota)
Anne Karine Holm Red Wing, Minnesota
Greta Berg Norway
A son in Norway (name unknown)

Mother's side
Part IV.

My mother's father, Carl Amundsen Aarnes, March 1826-October 1854 was on in Hakkedal, Norway. He was married in Norway in 1850, taking his ie's maiden name Aarnes. His wife was Maren Karine Aarnes, September 11, 83-June 29, 1911. At the time of Grandfather Carl Aarnes death, a year fer his arrival in America, there was no cemetery near and no church had en built, so many of the Pioneers were buried in a place which is now aled Pioneer Cemetery. Very few markers were placed at that time so in the er 1887, relatives and friends of the pioneers erected a monument in their eory with thirty one names engraved on it, one of these being mother's aher's name. More then fifty had been buried there, but the names of some ee forgotten,(this is near brother George's farm. Ronnie and another boy oed the lawn there for a few years, before he left home for military serie. In 1887 when the monument was dedicated, an all day program was held ih about eight hundred people attending. The pioneer Pastor Vilhelm Koren he the address.

rndmother's second husband was Ole Hasen, November 6, 1824-September 10, 1914 salso called Aarnes, but used "Hanson" for his signature on papers (strange?) hldren also used Aarnes name. Both ~~husbands~~ buried at Decorah, Iowa.
ist marriage children:-
Marie Christine Weflen, Granite Falls, Minnesota
Annie Heimssness, Ostrander, Minnesota
eond marriage:
Caroline Swanson South Dakota
Louise Alm Decorah, Iowa
Henry, Olaus, Willie, Benjamin, Helena and Carl

narration by

Alma Weflen.

Grandmother – Mrs. Ole H. Aarnes

Maren Karine Aarness, O. H. Aarness' Hustru, døde idag Mordes den 29de Juni, i sit Hjem paa Main Street her i Byen efter et paa Uaers Sygeleie. Et Mavetilfælde var den direkte Aarsag til hendes Død. Afdøde var født i Norge den 11te Sept. 1828, og opnaaede saaledes den høie Alder af næsten 83 Aar. Hun var i 1850 bleven gift med Carl Amundsen, der døde allerede i 1854, efterladende hende med to Smaaviger. Den ældste af disse er nu Mrs. H. A. Weflen der bor i Granite Falls, Minn., den yngste er Mrs. Heimsnes af Ostrander, Minn. I 1855 blev Afdøde gift med Ole Hansen Aarness, der overlever hende, og i dette sit Ægtestab havde hun otte Børn, hvoraf to døde i en spæd Alder. De gjenlevende er Mrs. John Swanson, Britton, S. D.; Henry Aarness, Veblin, S. D.; O. H. Aarness; Mrs. Christ. Alm, Decorah; Will. Aarness, og B. H. Aarness, Alton, Mont. Afdøde var en venneſæl Kvinde, der til enhver Tid gjerne havde et godt Ord at sige sine Naboer og Bekjendte, og indtil sin sidste Sygdom var hun, trods sin høie Alder, let paa Foden som en Ungdom.

Maren Karine Aarnes, the wife of Ole Hansen Aarnes died this morning June 29, ? at her home on Main Street, Decorah, Iowa, after an illness of two weeks. A "mavetilfaede" (norwegian) was the direct cause of her death.

She was born in Norway September 11, 1828 and reached the age of nearly 83 years. In 1850 she married Carl Amundsen (Aarnes) who died in 1854, leaving her with two little girls. The eldest is now Mrs. G. A. Weflen of Granite Falls, Minnesota. The second girl is Mrs. Heimsnes of Ostrander, Minnesota. In 1855 the widow married Ole Hansen Aarnes, who survives her. Of this marriage there were eight children, two of whom died in childhood. The living are:- Mrs. John Swanson, Britton, So. Dak., Henry Aarnes, Veblin, So. Dak., O. H. Aarnes, Mrs. Christ Alm, Decorah, Will Aarnes and B. H. Aarnes of Alton, Montana. The deceased was a friendly person and always had a good to speak of her neighbors and friends. Before her last illness, regardless of her age she could out-walk many younger persons.

Ole H. Aarnes.

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Begravelsen efter Ole H. Aarnes fandt Sted i Mandags fra hans Svigersøn og Datter, Mr. og Mrs. Chris. Alm's Hjem paa East Main Street og Sørgehandlingen i den norske Synodekirke. Pastor I. B. Torrison forrettede baade i Huset og i Kirken.

Afdøde var født i Nannestad, Norge, den 6te November 1829 og blev saaledes næsten 85 Aar gammel. Han kom til Winneshiek County i 1855 og drev der som Farmer, i 18. til han i 1889 flyttede til Decorah, hvor han siden har boet. Aarnes blev i 1855 gift med Mrs. Maren Amundsen, med hvem han havde syv Børn. Det ene af disse, Sønnen Carl, er død. De øvrige er: Mrs. Caroline Swanson, Henry Aarnes, Mrs. Chr. Alm, William og Benjamin Aarnes. Afdøde havde i lang Tid været svagelig. Hans Hustru døde for nogle Aar siden.

The funeral of Ole H. Aarnes was held Monday from the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Alm of East Main St., Decorah. Church services were held at the Norwegian Synod Church. Pastor I. B. Torrison, officiated at the home and the church.

The deceased was born at Nannestad, Norway the 6th., of November 1829 and was near 85 years old. He came to Winneshiek County, Iowa in the year of 1855 and engaged in farming until 1889 when he moved to Decorah where he resided until his death. Aarnes married 1855 to Mrs. Maren Amundsen (Aarnes) with whom he had seven children. One of these, son Carl is deceased. The others are: Mrs. Caroline Swanson, Henry Aarnes, Mrs. Chr. Alm, William and Benjamin Aarnes. The deceased had been ill for a long time. His wife died a few years ago.

(1914)

Mrs. Jens J. Heimsnes.

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Det vakte Sorg ogsaa i Ostrander og Omegn, da det blev bekjendt, at Mrs. Jens J. Heimsness var blevet rykket bort ved Døden den 9de Mai 1916. Hun havde stranter lidt i Vinter; men var dog oppe, indtil hun nogle Dage før sin Død fik et let Slagtilfælde og siden et til, der endte hendes Dage. Mrs. Heimsnes syntes være klar over, det var Dødsøndskaget, som kom, og hun imødesaa den med Forberedthed, overladt i Jesu Hænder. "Jeg har bedt Jesus giøre mit Sygeleie kort", sagde hun.

Afdødes Pigenavn var Anna Aarness. Hun var født den 29de Oktober 1853 paa Washington Prairie, Winneshiek County, Iowa, af Forældrene Maren og Karl Aarness. Sin Ungdom tilbragte hun paa samme Sted. Hun var døbt Juledag samme Aar hun var født, og konfirmeret 7de Oktober 1868.

Den 30te December 1875 blev hun ægteviet til Jens J. Heimsness fra Kolvereid, Namdalen, Norge. I 1877 flyttede det unge Ægtepar til Minnesota og bosatte sig paa en Farm i Beaver Township, Fillmore County, og i dette Township boede hun til sin Død. Hendes Bortgang er dybt savnet af den efterlevende Mand, Jens J. Heimsness, og af Børnene, der alle lever, nemlig: Julius, som lever paa gamle Hjemmefarmen, Henry lever i Mason City, Ia., Mrs. H. C. Hanson ni Nevis, Minn., Mrs. H. C. Hanson i Nevis Minn., ship, Fillmore County, Minn., samt 12 Børneborn. Begravelsen fandt Sted under stor Deltagelse fra Ostrander Menigheds Kirke den 12te Mai.

Il dertegnede forrettede ved Begravelsen.

Vi savner Mrs. J. Heimness; thi med sit jeone Humør, med sit freidige, lyse Sind, var det altid trivelligt at møde hende. Nu hviler Støvet paa Ostrander Menigheds Gravplads til Opstandelsens Morgen. Gud giøe for Jesu Skyld, at vi da alle kunde **modes** glade, "og ingen af vore savnes!"

H. J. Berg.

("Skandinaven" bedes optage dette.)

A great sadness dwelt at Ostrander and Omegn upon learning of the death of Mrs. Jens J. Heimsnes on May 9, 1916. She had been ill during the winter, buthad improved and was attending to daily tasks of her home until a few days before her death when she suffered a stroke, her mind remained clear and she was prepared to meet her Savior.

The deceased maiden name was Anna Aarnes, birth October 29, 1853 at Washington Prairie, Decorah, Winneshiek County, Iowa. Her parents were Maren and Karl Amundsen Aarnes. She grew to womanhood here. She was baptized on Christmas Day 1853 and confirmed October 7, 1868.

December 30, 1875 she married Jens J. Heimsnes from Kolvereid, Namdalen, Norway. In the year of 1877, the young couple moved to Minnesota and settled on a farm in Beaver township, Fillmore County, where she lived until her death. Her death was a great loss and sorrow to her husband and family.

OVER CONTINUED

The children are:-
Julius, who lives on the home farm, Henry resides at Mason City, Iowa
Mrs. H. C. Hanson at Nevis, Minnesota, ~~Fillmore County~~, and 12 grandchildren. and Emma Hanson

The following message delivered at the funeral:

We will miss Mrs. J. Heimsnes with her lively humor, her cheerfulness, her daily thoughtful concerns of others, it was always a comfort to meet her. Now,- she rests at Ostrander Congregation Cemetery until the Day of Resurrection. God permit, for Jesus sake, that all of us may meet again, "none of us to be missed."

H. J. Berg.

Gulbrand Aarnes.

Dødsfald.

Guldbrand Aarnes, der, som før nævnt, den 13de Juni døde i sin Søns Edwards Hjem i Decorah Township, var født i Hakedalen den 15de Jan. 1817, og opnaaede saaledes den høie Alder af over 94 Aar. Han kom til Amerika og nedsatte sig i Frankville Township allerede i 1853, saa han altsaa var at regne blandt Nybyggerne i Winneshiek Co., og mange var de Strabadser han og hans Hustru gjennemgik i Løbet af disse første Aar. For 18 Aar siden flyttede Familien til Decorah Township, og de Gamle boede siden hos Sønnen Edward. Den alderstegne Hustru døde sidste Vinter, og sidste Torsdag, den 15de Juni, lagdes gamle Guldbran til Hvile ved hendes Side paa Washington Prairie Kirkegaard. Past. P. Koren ferretede i Hjemmet samt i Kirken og ved Graven.

Gulbrand Aarnes died June 13, 1911 at the home of his son Edward in Decorah township. He was born January 15, 1817 at Hakedalen, Norway and was past 94 years at the time of death. He immigrated to America in 1853 and came directly to Frankville township, Winneshiek County, Iowa and was one of the early Pioneers of the community. During their early years as a pioneer the husband and wife had to endure the many hardships and problems. Eighteen years ago (1893) the husband and wife moved to Decorah township to make their home with their son Edward. The mother died in 1914, during the winter. Last Thursday, June 15th., the elderly Gulbrand was laid to rest besides his wife at the Washington Prairie Cemetery.

Pastor Paul Koren officiated at the services at the home, church and graveside commital.

Mrs. Gulbrand Aarnes.

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Mrs. Gulbrand G. Aarnes (f. Sigrid Larsdatter) afgik ved Døden hos sin Søn Edward Aarnes paa den gamle Voldengfarm i Nærheden af Decorah Onsdag sidste Uge i den høie Alder af 92 Aar. Hun havde været sengeliggende en længere Tid.

Afdøde var født i Gran, Hadeland, Vaaren 1819. Hun blev gift i Norge, og sammen med sin Mand udvandrede hun til Amerika i 1853. De kom direkte hertil Winneshiek County, hvor de efter en Tid kjøbte sig Farm i Frankville Township. Der boede de, til de for mange Aar siden flyttede til sin Søn. Mrs. Aarnes efterlader sig foruden sin Mand, som nu er 94 Aar gammel, og Sønnen Edward Børnene Mrs. Hans Rognlien, Mrs. Andreas Larson, Louis A. Aarnes, Mrs. Anna M. Krogsund, alle boende i Frankville Township, og Mrs. Karen M. Busnes, Decorah. To Sønner er døde. Hun efterlader sig ogsaa 26 Børneborn og 1 Børneborns Barn.

Begravelsen foregik under stor Deltagelse fra Washington Prairie Kirke i Lørdags. Pastor Paul Koren forrettede.

Mrs. Gulbrand G. Aarnes, born Sigrid Larsdaughter died at the home of her son, Edward Arness, on the old Voldeng farm near Decorah last week on Wednesday at the age of 92 years (1911). She had been bed fast for a long time.

She was born in the spring of 1819 at Gran, Hakedal, Norway. She married in Norway and the young couple immigrated to America 1853. They came directly to Frankville township, Winneshiek County, Iowa and settled on farm where they lived for many years. With her husband they moved ~~they~~ ~~moved~~ to the home of their son Edward. She leaves her husband who is 94 years old and her children: Edward of Decorah township. Mrs. Hans Rognlien, Mrs. Andreas Larson, Louis G. Arness, Mrs. Anna M. Krogsund, all living in Frankville township. Karen M. Busnes of Decorah. Two sons preceeded her death. She leaves 26 grandchildren and one great grandchild. The funeral was attended by her relatives and a large group of friends. Funeral services where conducted last Saturday at the Washington Prairie Lutheran Church. Pastor Paul Koren officiating.

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Anders,- son of
Gulbrand and Sigri Aarnes
1851-1972

Carl Emil Olsen Aarnes
1860-1972

Hellina Olsdaughter Aarnes
April 2, 1866-October 3, 1868

Engebret G. Soland
November 26, 1824-December 6, 1901

Eli Soland
May 12, 1826-November 17, 1879

Maria Kristina Carlsdaughter Aarnes
January 7, 1852-August 1921
To America spring of 1853

Wedding April 5, 1874

Mother's name Remme
Gunder Helgeson Weflin
April 12, 1849-February 21, 1921
birth at Vang, Valders
Moved to Granite Falls, Minn. 1881

Maren Karen Aarnes
September 11, about 1827
Died July 1910

Ole Hansen Aarnes
November 6, 1829- June 1914

Anders H. Weflen
birth at Vang,Valders, Norway
June 25, 1842-March 21, 1932
To America 1866
Moved to Renville Co. 1872
Mother's name Remme

Carl A. Aarnes
March 1826-October 1854
To America spring 1853
Grave S.E.Corner Decorah Twp. by Pioneer Monument

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els A. Arness 1889-1918 died and buried in France.
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MRS LOUIS ARNESS "

rs. Andreas Larson North Washington Prairie Cemetery
rs. Anna Krogsund " " " "
rs. Hans Rognlien " " " "
rs. Henry Busness

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